Section of a Map of the Most Inhabited Part of Virginia . . . By Joshua Fry and Peter Jefferson, 1775 Edition, to Which Have Been Added, at the Proper Places, the Names “Blisland Parish” and “Appomattox River.”
The Vestry Book

of

Blisland (Blissland) Parish
THE
VESTRY BOOK
OF
BLISLAND (BLISSLAND) PARISH
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Prefatory Note

During the colonial period, not only was the Established Church, or Church of England, supreme in the religious life of Virginia but its parishes were also local governmental institutions which affected very closely the people in their secular affairs. Parish records are therefore, in a true sense, official, important and revealing. Extant vestry books and registers supplement the archives of local governments when they do not indeed supply the only existing records. For these reasons the Library Board has published from time to time certain original parish books, this being the fourth. It is hoped that this work may be continued for, although most of these original records have been lost or destroyed, there are still a number of them in existence, comparatively few of which have been published.

During almost the entire period covered by this vestry book (1721-1786) Blisland Parish was partly in the present New Kent County and partly in the present James City County, the records of both of which, prior to 1865, have been destroyed. This volume and two of those previously published by the Library Board (“The Vestry Book of Stratton Major Parish, King and Queen County, Virginia, 1729-1783” (1931) and “The Vestry Book of Petsworth Parish, Gloucester County, Virginia, 1677-1793” (1933) ) supply a record for a contiguous area of early Virginia whose local archives have been lost. This vestry book, therefore, enables us further to rescue from oblivion much of the life, customs and names of those who helped to create Virginia.

Dr. Churchill Gibson Chamberlayne, who has prepared the present volume, is the editor of the two other publications mentioned above. He had previously published at his own expense three other volumes of parish records. Actuated by love for his church and state, he has undertaken
this exacting work without remuneration; qualified by scholarship and experience, he has thus made valuable contributions to the printed documents of Virginia. This volume maintains his high standards of editorship and historical research. Dr. Chamberlayne has the gratitude of the Library Board for this work as he will have that of the people of Virginia.

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Introduction

The manuscript volume hereinafter reproduced in print embodies the earliest consecutive records of Blisland (or Blissland) Parish, New Kent and James City counties, Virginia, known to be in existence. Doubtless there once were manuscript records of Blisland Parish antedating those here given to the public, but even before Bishop Meade's day all trace of them must have been lost, for the Bishop makes no reference to them. Indeed, when his Old Churches, Ministers and Families of Virginia was first published, in part and in tentative form in The Protestant Episcopal Review, and Church Register (beginning with the issue for April, 1855) and the Southern Churchman (beginning with the issue for April 26, 1855), Bishop Meade was apparently unaware of the existence of any parish record of Blisland; nor evidently did he learn that there was such a record until after the first volume of the Old Churches (1857) was in print, for on page 388 of that volume he says, referring to Blisland Parish, "No vestry-book remains to tell its history." However, before the second volume of the work was released from the press, a vestry-book of Blisland Parish came to light, and the Bishop refers to it in a note on the last page of his book.1 The present publication now for the first time makes accessible to students of Colonial Virginia history these old and for many years lost and forgotten records of Blisland Parish.

The manuscript Vestry Book is a folio, 14¼ by 9¾ inches in size, consisting of 77 leaves (154 pages) of heavy, unruled, laid paper, the water marks being two in number: The Roman numeral IV (½ inch by 1 inch); and a fleur-de-lis on a shield, surmounted by a crown, the whole over the monogram WR (5% inches by 2¾ inches). Whether

or not the volume ever contained more leaves than at present, the editor does not know, but he thinks not; certainly no leaves are missing at the back, and there is little or no indication that any have been torn out in front. The record as it now stands covers the period from the autumn of 1721 to October 11, 1786, or 65 years. This old manuscript volume is one of twenty-five or more Colonial Virginia parish record books belonging to the Protestant Episcopal Church in Virginia, which were formerly kept in the Library of the Theological Seminary at Alexandria, and are now in the custody of the Virginia State Library, in Richmond.

With regard to the origin of the name Blisland given to this old Colonial Virginia parish, the present editor is unhappily entirely ignorant. Under the circumstances, therefore, he can do no better than quote the opinion of the late Hon. Hugh Blair Grigsby, of Norfolk, as given to Bishop Meade in 1857. Mr. Grigsby wrote: "Blisland.—This is a common name in England, and is synonymous with 'happy land'. It is evidently applied from some local incident long lost, or from some place in England connected with some of its parishioners. The word was originally Bliss-land."2

1. Establishment and Territorial Changes

While the only manuscript vestry book of Blisland Parish known to be in existence begins in the year 1721, the parish itself can be traced back to a date much earlier, namely, to the year 1653, at which period the territory involved was included in York County.3 Of course, in the absence of positive proof to the contrary, it may be that the parish was established some years prior to 1653; however, all the evidence on the subject discovered by the present editor, while

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3 See page xi.
entirely negative in character, points, as will be seen, to the three and a half months between July 1, 1653, and October 13, 1653, as the period within which Blisland Parish was established.

That Blisland Parish was established prior to October 13, 1653, is evidenced by the following land patent issued on that date:

“To all &c Whereas &c Now Know Yee, That I y* said Richard Bennet Esq. &c Give and Grant unto Thomas Dunketon fifty acres of land scituated in York County, in Blisland parish, Beginning from Mr. Barnehouje his mark’d maple tree in matchemede swamp running up East South East by a branch of the Jay Swamp to y* top of y* hill, thence west by north to y* land of Mr. Barnehouje, & north north East to y* place where It began, bounded by mark’d trees on all sides; The said land being due unto y* said Thomas Dunketon by and for y* transportation of one JJon &c To have and to hold &c Yeilding & Paying &c with payment &c Dated y* 13:th of October 1653.”

It might of course be objected that one land patent, itself a copy made in 1694, or later, of the original record (and so containing possibly a copyist’s error as to the name Blisland Parish), is insufficient evidence of the antiquity of the parish. However, there is additional evidence practically to the same effect in the same book, namely the following land patent, which bears a date less than eight months later than that of the patent above:

“To all &c Whereas &c Now Know Yee That I y* said Richard Bennet Esq &c Give & Grant unto John Pouncey fower hundred and fifty acres of land scituated on y* south side of y* frejhes of Yorke river, in y* parish of Blisland

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between Pouncys Creek & Tanks Creeke & joining to ye land of ye fiaid Pouncey by and for ye transportation of nine persons into this Colony &c To have and to hold &c Yeilding & Paying &c w:ch payment is to be made &c Provided &c Dated y 7t: of June 1654."  

It may be noted here in passing that in the Patent Books in the Virginia Land Office there are to be found copies of five land patents (the two immediately above and three others) giving the location of the lands as in Blisland Parish and dated respectively Oct. 13, 1653, June 7, 1654, Oct. 12, 1657, Oct. 30, 1657, and Nov. 18, 1663.  

So much for the positive evidence that Blisland Parish was in existence on October 13, 1653. The evidence that the parish was not established many months prior to that date is by no means so conclusive, for it is purely negative in character; however, while each bit of evidence taken by itself is perhaps negligible, the weight of all the evidence when taken together is cumulative and therefore considerable if not absolutely convincing. That evidence is as follows:

*Patent Book* No. 2 in the Virginia Land Office contains copies of twenty or more patents to land in York County (or "in York river" or "Up pamunkee river") granted by Governor Sir William Berkeley between 1644 and 1652; but while Hampton Parish is mentioned several times, some-  

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6 Hampton was one of the very early Virginia parishes. It was established in 1640. Until March, 1643, when its name was changed to Hampton, it was known as Chesake (or Chiskiack, or Chickyack, or Kiskeake or Kiskiacke, or Kiskyacke, or Kiskyake) Parish. In 1680 it was one of four parishes lying wholly or—as in the case of one of them, Bruton or Brewton—partly in York County. Its eastern boundary was Townsend Creek (later known as Yorktown Creek). Being the farthest west parish of a county which until 1654, when New Kent County was established, extended indefinitely to the west, Hampton had probably no western boundary line until the year that Blisland Parish was established (probably 1653), when Scimino Creek became its western boundary. With the establishment of Marston Parish in 1654, Queen's Creek (between Scimino and Townsend creeks) became Hampton's western boundary.
times under its original name of Kiskeake (or Chickyack), sometimes as Hampton, its new name given in 1643, there is no mention whatever of Blisland Parish. In this connection it is, however, only fair to say that over half the patents in question fail to refer by name to any parish; therefore the absence of the name Blisland from the pages of Patent Book No. 2 is in itself not absolute proof that the parish was not in existence before Governor Berkeley left office.

Patent Book No. 3 begins with patents issued by Governor Richard Bennett, who took office April 30, 1652. In this volume there are copies of ten or more patents to land in York County (or “on york river” or “in york river”) granted between November 12, 1652, and June 7, 1654. Of these land patents, five, the latest of which is dated July 1, 1653, are of particular interest. The first of these patents, which is dated Nov. 12, 1652, reads: “grant unto John Rogers Seven hundred and twenty Acres of Land lying on the South Side of york river Near Skimmino Creeke.” Now it is to be noted that the patent does not say on which side of “Skimmino Creeke” the land lay, and as that creek was in 1654 made the boundary line of New Kent County and presumably (for reasons to be given later) had been made the eastern boundary line of Blisland Parish at its establishment, it is impossible to state with certainty that this land lay within the bounds of Blisland Parish when established. The second and third patents, dated respectively Feb. 10 and Feb. 12, 1652, are to land granted to Mrs. Hannah Clarke situated “in the County of Yorke and upon the South Side and within the ffreshes of yorke river” (the wording being exactly the same in the two patents). Now it is to be noted above, in the patent to John Poncey, dated June 7, 1654, that land situated “on y’ south side of y’ ffreshes of York river” was in the parish of Blisland; therefore if Blisland Parish was in existence on Feb. 10, 1653, the lands mentioned in these two patents to Mrs. Hannah

7 i. e. 1653.
Clarke were in Blisland Parish. The fourth patent that is of special interest in connection with the fixing of the date of the establishment of Blisland Parish is that granted on April 14, 1653, to William Hoccaday. It reads: “... that I the Said Richard Bennett Esq'. &c give and grant unto m' William Hoccaday one Thousand Acres of Land head of a former devident Neer the head of Ware Creeke on the ... Side of yorke river beginning in the County of yorke bounded Viz' Northweft by North upon his former devident South Eajt by South upon the ware Creeke and North weft by North towards Waraney Creeke.” This patent is interesting for three reasons: (1) its reference to Ware Creek, which is west of Scimino Creek and was therefore well within the bounds of New Kent County as established in 1654. Later, in 1767, the line of Ware Creek was made a part of the eastern boundary line of New Kent County; (2) its reference to Waraney Creek, which was in Blisland Parish and from which one of the churches within the bounds of that parish later took its name; and (3) its reference to an earlier patent granted to the same patentee. Now in Patent Book No. 2, page 93, there is to be seen a patent—doubtless the one referred to above—granted Aug. 6, 1646, by Sir William Berkeley to “William Hockaday” for “five hundred Acres of Land and lying on the South side of Charles river Neare the Narrowes being in the County of yorke bounded (Viz’) North weft by weft upon Warrany Creeke North Eajt by Eajt upon the river South Eajt by Eajt toward the ware Creeke.” The last of the patents to be noted as of special interest in this connection is that granted July 1, 1653, to Robert Priddy for 377 acres of land “scituated in York County in y* Narrows running South West by y* Land of George Chapman ... East to y” Lands of Wm Cox and the Land of Jo” Hope.”

8 Hening, Statutes at Large ... of Virginia, Vol. I, page 388.
10 i. e. York.
In this patent the word to be noted is "Narrows," which in the patent to William Hockaday immediately above is associated with Ware Creek, which is known to be within the bounds of Blisland Parish.

Here then are five land patents, all of them dated less than one year prior to Oct. 13, 1653 (when Blisland Parish is mentioned by name in a patent to Thomas Dunketon), four of which almost certainly, and the fifth one possibly, refer to land within the known bounds of Blisland Parish, but none of which mentions the parish by name. Under the circumstances it seems most reasonable to suppose that Blisland Parish was not established many months prior to Oct. 13, 1653. However, in view of the fact before stated, that by no means all patents to land within the bounds of a parish refer to the parish by name, it is entirely possible that Blisland Parish may some day be found to have been established a year, or even two or three years, prior to 1653.

In this connection it is of interest to note: (1) that on July 5, 1653, there was convened the third Grand Assembly held subsequent to the surrender of the Colony of Virginia (on March 12, 1652) to the Parliament of the Commonwealth, and (2) that at this Assembly Mr. Wm. Hockaday sat as one of the four Burgesses for York County. It is the belief of the present editor that it was at this session of the Grand Assembly that Blisland Parish was established, and he thinks it most probable that it was on the motion of Mr. Wm. Hockaday, who was a large landowner in that part of York County that subsequently was included in Blisland Parish and who took a somewhat prominent part in the proceedings of this Assembly, that the Act establishing Blisland Parish was passed.

11 See page xiv. Note also that there was a Hockaday on the vestry of Blisland Parish in 1703 (page lii) and that the Hockaday family was prominent in the parish through the whole period covered by the extant Vestry Book.

If from the evidence at hand it is impossible to determine absolutely the year when Blisland Parish was established, it is equally as impossible from the known existing records to say with absolute certainty what was the territorial extent of the parish at the time of its establishment, or even what was its eastern boundary line in its entirety.

With regard to the eastern boundary line of Blisland Parish, it seems to the editor most reasonable to suppose that it was the same as that of the county of New Kent as established in 1654, i.e., on the south side of the York the line of Scimino Creek. Whether or not the parish ever included land on the north side of York River is as yet somewhat of an open question; if it did, then most probably the parish line on that side was the line of Poropotank Creek. That Scimino Creek constituted a part at least of the eastern boundary line of Blisland Parish at the time of its establishment is witnessed to by three facts: (1) In 1654 the parish of Marston was established, with limits “From the head of the north side of Queen’s creeke as high as to the head of Scimino creeke.” Marston was originally a part of Hampton Parish, one of the very early


16 The editor’s reasons for making this unqualified statement are as follows: 1. Previous to the establishment of New Kent County (Nov. 20, 1654) all the territory afterwards incorporated in that county was a part of York County. 2. From (and presumably for some months before) Oct. 13, 1653, until Nov. 20, 1654, York County contained (in whole or— as in the case of one parish, Bruton, or Brewton—in part) five parishes; namely, New Poquoson (afterwards Charles), York, Bruton, Hampton, and Blisland, of which Blisland lay farthest west, the next most westerly parish being Hampton. 3. If these five parishes covered the county—and arguing from historical analogy one is led to conclude that they must have done so—then at its establishment (in 1653 or earlier) Blisland must have been cut off from the parish which at the moment was the far-west parish; i.e., Hampton. 4. Now Blisland had as its eastern boundary Scimino Creek; therefore in 1653 (after the establishment of Blisland) Scimino Creek was the western boundary of Hampton—for otherwise there would have been an extra-parochial strip of territory extending from the western boundary of Hampton up to the eastern boundary of
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Virginia parishes, which until 1643 had been known as Chescake (or Chiskiack or Kiskeake) Parish.\(^7\) After comparatively few years of separate existence, Marston must have been reunited to Hampton Parish, for in the 1680 list of the parishes in Virginia the parishes in York County are given as Brewton, Hampton, Yorke, and New Pocoson.\(^8\) Later, in 1707, York and Hampton Parishes were “united and consolidated into one parish to be called and known by the name of Yorkhampton.”\(^9\) When in 1724 Blisland Parish was divided up into four precincts for the purpose of facilitating the counting of tobacco plants, the first precinct was defined as “That from the head of the Northwest branch of Ware Creeke Down the Swamp to Holdcrofts Mill and from thence to the extent of the Parish Downwards”;\(^10\) in other words at least a fourth, and possibly more, of the parish as it existed in 1724 lay below Ware Creek, and so the parish must have extended down to about as far as Scimino Creek. \(^3\) The mouth of Scimino Creek marks today the beginning of the line separating Blisland Parish (in the Diocese of Southern Virginia) from the parish of York Hampton.

What now was the original area and extent of Blisland Parish? To this interesting question there can be at present, in view of the lack of sufficient documentary evidence on the subject, no conclusive answer. As far as the records at hand show, Blisland Parish as originally established may have coincided in territory (1) with that part of the original New Kent County that lies south of the line of the York

Blisland, a thing unprecedented in the history of the Colony. Therefore, when on Nov. 20, 1654, both New Kent County and Marston Parish were established, the bounds of Marston being defined as “From the head of the north side of Queen's creeke as high as to the head of Scimino creeke,” Marston Parish must have been taken from Hampton Parish.

\(^8\) Public Record Office, London. C. O. 1, Vol. 45, No. 27.
\(^10\) See page 10.
and the Pamunkey, or (2) with that part of the original New Kent County that lies south of the line of the York and the ridge between the Pamunkey and the Mattaponi, or (3) with New Kent County as a whole as established in 1654, i. e., the entire water-shed of the Pamunkey-Mattaponi-York River system from Poropotank Creek on the north side of the York, and Scimino Creek on the south side, westward to an indefinite extent.

In favor of the supposition that Blisland Parish was from the beginning confined in area to territory lying south of the York and the Pamunkey is the fact that no document has been found linking the name of Blisland Parish with any part of the territory to the north of the line of those two rivers. Moreover, had Blisland Parish originally included any territory between the Pamunkey and the Mattaponi (in early Colonial times called Pamunkey Neck) then when in 1678-9 St. Peter’s Parish was established, the dividing line between the two parishes would have run across Pamunkey Neck as well as across that part of the original New Kent County that lies south of the York and the Pamunkey, roughly speaking the present New Kent County. However, whenever in the manuscript Vestry Book of St. Peter’s Parish there is occasion to mention the starting point of the dividing line between St. Peter’s and Blisland, the wording is “bègin at ye mouth of a Creek Called Cap’ Bajsetts Landing” or “Beginning at Pamunkey River side at a Small gutts mouth Known by the name of Bajsetts landing.”22 There is nowhere any reference to Pamunkey Neck by name or indeed any reference at all to territory north of the Pamunkey.

Opposed to the supposition that Blisland Parish was from the beginning confined in area to territory lying south of the York and the Pamunkey, and confirming the supposition that it did include also at least a part of the territory

between the Pamunkey and the Mattaponi, known as Pamunkey Neck, i.e., as far north as to the ridge between the two rivers, are the following facts and considerations:

(1) In the year 1680 St. Peter's Parish included territory in Pamunkey Neck, as is evidenced by the following:

Att A Gen Assembly Begunne at James City June the 8th 1680 . . .

The Petition of the Inhabitants of Pamunkey Neck praying that they may be made a Parrijh and it being Averred to this Assembly that part of that Neck belongs to St Peters parijh soe farre as Johns Creek and to the Ridge of the f^ Neck, this Assembly doe declare and Order that they have liberty to make a Parijh downwards from the Jaid Johns Creek and Soe up the Ridge on Mattaponie Side, if they think Convenient.

This territory in Pamunkey Neck was, it may be said in passing, retained by St. Peter's Parish until the year 1691, when it was annexed to St. John's Parish. Now St. Peter's Parish had been established in 1678-9, the year that Blisland Parish was divided; all the territory therefore included in St. Peter's at its establishment had before that date presumably been included in Blisland Parish. In other words, that part of Pamunkey Neck which in 1680 (and until 1691) was a part of St. Peter's Parish must presumably have been prior to 1678-9 a part of Blisland Parish, for there is otherwise no logical way to account for its connection with St. Peter's. But if the Pamunkey Neck portion of St. Peter's Parish was originally, like the rest of St. Peter's, a part of Blisland, then originally Blisland

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23 Journals of the House of Burgesses of Virginia 1659/60-1693, page 150.
24 Hening, Vol. III, p. 94. There are numerous references (direct as to the inhabitants, indirect as to the territory) to the Pamunkey Neck part of St. Peter's Parish in the MS. Vestry Book of St. Peter's Parish, between pages 2 and 17. Two very plain references occur on pages 11 (May 4, 1689) and 14 (Feb. 17, 1690).
Parish embraced at least all that part of Pamunkey Neck lying south of the ridge between the Mattaponi and the Pamunkey as well as the territory south of the line of the York and the Pamunkey.

(2) The absence of any reference to Pamunkey Neck in the wording of the entries in the manuscript Vestry Book of St. Peter's Parish referring to the dividing line between Blisland and St. Peter's parishes proves nothing, for the reason that those entries were made subsequent to the establishment (after June 8, 1680) of St. John's Parish, which at the date of its establishment embraced that part of Pamunkey Neck (later King William County) below John's (or Jack's) Creek, together with territory perhaps above the line of that creek on the Mattaponi side of the Neck. But if Blisland Parish originally included a part of Pamunkey Neck as well as the territory south of the line of the York and the Pamunkey, then with the establishment of St. John's Parish (subsequent to June 8, 1680) Blisland, which had already by the establishment of St. Peter's Parish in 1678-9 suffered the loss of that portion of its territory in Pamunkey Neck that lies west of John's (or Jack's) Creek, was deprived of the remaining part of its Pamunkey Neck territory. Accordingly when in the year 1689, and again in the year 1690, there was talk of running the line between Blisland and St. Peter's parishes, there was naturally no reason to mention that part of the original dividing line that ran across the southern half of Pamunkey Neck, for after the establishment of St. John's Parish the dividing line between St. Peter's and Blisland, now confined in area to territory south of the York and the Pamunkey, did actually begin at a point on the south side of Pamunkey River.

(3) In the schedule of parishes in Virginia, in the Public Record Office in London, dated June 30, 1680, there are

25 See page xix.
four parishes listed as being in New Kent County. Of these four, St. Stephen's (established prior to Feb. 18, 1674)\textsuperscript{26} and Stratton Major (established in 1655)\textsuperscript{27} are listed under the heading "North Side," and St. Peter's and Blisland are listed under the heading "South Side." The question then arises, what was the dividing line between New Kent County, North Side and New Kent County, South Side—was it the Pamunkey or the ridge between the Mattaponi and the Pamunkey? To this question the editor is obliged, in view of the absence of conclusive documentary proof, to answer that he does not know. However, he inclines to the belief that the ridge between the two rivers was the dividing line. His reasons for so thinking are as follows: (a) From 1654 until 1691 New Kent County extended north and south from the ridge north of the Mattaponi to the ridge south of the Pamunkey, therefore the ridge between these two rivers would be just about the half-way line. (b) In Virginia in the seventeenth century rivers were not commonly the dividing lines between counties or between parishes, but the ridges between rivers were. (c) Between the years 1680 and 1691 St. Peter's Parish, listed as a South Side parish, extended north across the Pamunkey (counted at that time as the upper part of the York and referred to in official documents as the York\textsuperscript{28}) as far as to the ridge between it and the Mattaponi.\textsuperscript{29} (d) The wording of the Act establishing Stratton Major Parish does not militate against the supposition that the parish, at its establishment extended south across the Mattaponi as far as to the ridge between it and the Pamunkey, for in accordance with the practice of the period, under which counties and parishes occupied both sides of river valleys,\textsuperscript{26} Virginia Land Office, \textit{Patent Book} No. 6, page 502.\textsuperscript{27} \textit{Hening}, Vol. I, page 404.\textsuperscript{28} Virginia Land Office, \textit{Patent Book} No. 3, p. 93 (patent to Capt. John West, dated July 3, 1652) and p. 290 (patent to Capt. John West, dated March 6, 1653).\textsuperscript{29} See page xix.
the words, “from Poropotank to Mattapony upward (vizt) on the north side of York river be a distinct parish by the name of Stratton Major,” could properly have meant the land north of the present York River from Poropotank Creek up to the point where the Mattaponi and the Pamunkey come together, and, from that point, the land north of the ridge between the two rivers. Now it is a fair inference that the four parishes listed covered the whole of New Kent County as far as it was inhabited, for in Colonial Virginia wherever there were inhabitants there there was a parish. If then the “North Side” of New Kent County was covered by St. Stephen’s and Stratton Major parishes, and St. Peter’s Parish covered the western portion of the “South Side,” including that part of Pamunkey Neck lying west of John’s (or Jack’s) Creek and south of the ridge between the Mattaponi and the Pamunkey, then there was but one parish that could have included the eastern portion of Pamunkey Neck south of the ridge, and that was Blisland.

(4) There remains a fourth circumstance to be considered. In the year 1677 certain inhabitants of Blisland Parish presented to the Commissioners who had been sent over to Virginia to inquire into the causes of Bacon’s Rebellion a list of “grievances.” These “grievances” were signed by some eighty-seven persons, among the signatures being those of Robert Andersone and George Coxe. Now in this connection it is interesting to note (a) that in a patent granted April 22, 1670, to George Chapman for 4150 acres of land in “Pamunkey Necke,” the name “Robt. Anderson” occurs in the list given of the names of persons on account of whose transportation into Virginia the tract

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80 It is to be noted here that as the earliest continuous records of Stratton Major Parish known to be in existence, the records of the vestry meetings, begin in 1721 (long after the establishment of Pamunkey Neck as a parish under the name of St. John’s), it is not possible to substantiate by reference to the Stratton Major Parish Vestry Book the theory that that parish did at first actually include territory south of the Mattaponi.
had been granted, and (b) in the list of "Processioners" for the Pamunkey Neck part of St. Peter’s Parish in the year 1689 occurs the name of Geo: Cox. If then in 1677 Robt. Andersone and George Coxe were inhabitants of Blisland Parish, and if also a "Robt. Anderson" in 1670 and a "Geo: Cox" in 1689 are found living in Pamunkey Neck, the supposition that Pamunkey Neck, or at least a part of it, was originally included in Blisland Parish is certainly strengthened.

Practically to clinch the matter that at least that part of Pamunkey Neck that lies south of the ridge was included in Blisland Parish at the date of its establishment two possible objections must be met. The first objection is that if there were no English settlers at all, or even if there were very few English settlers, in the eastern portion of Pamunkey Neck between 1653 and 1680, then there would have been no need of including that territory in any parish before that date. Now, as it happens, this is a very weighty objection, and it is so because of the fact that Pamunkey Neck was not open to settlement at all until about 1653, whereas at that date the land north of the Mattaponi and that south of the Pamunkey, in each case for some distance west of the fork of those two rivers, had already and for some years past been open to settlement. Moreover it is well known that whereas by the year 1678 (or 9) there were two parishes north of the Mattaponi, Stratton Major (est. 1655) and St. Stephen’s (est. before Feb. 18, 1674), and two south of the Pamunkey, Blisland (est. 1653 or earlier) and St. Peter’s (est. 1678 or 1679), it was not until 1680 or later that by the establishment of St. John’s Parish the inhabitants of Pamunkey Neck were given independent parish life.

31 Virginia Land Office, Patent Book No. 6, page 78.
33 The delay in the settlement of Pamunkey Neck and the thinness of the population of the "Neck" as compared with that of the lands north and south of it is well brought out by Dr. Malcolm H. Harris in his
However, granted the above are facts, as they undoubtedly are, and granted furthermore that a considerable portion of the land in the eastern part of Pamunkey Neck was in 1653, as it has been ever since, an Indian Reservation and as such closed to settlement, nevertheless there is another side to the story, and it is equally true: (1) that as early as 1653 the extreme eastern tip of the "Neck" was occupied by English settlers;\textsuperscript{34} (2) that before 1680 there were at least so many settlers in that part of the "Neck" lying west of John's (or Jack's) Creek that there is particular mention of them in the records as being members of St. Peter's Parish; and (3) that in 1680 the inhabitants in the "Neck" living east, or below, John's Creek were numerous enough to obtain the consent of the General Assembly to the formation of a new parish for themselves.\textsuperscript{35}

The other objection is one based on the wording of the Act of Assembly of 1691 establishing King and Queen County. In that Act occurs the following passage: "That the inhabitants of Pomunkey Necke, that now belong to St. Peters parish be restored and added to St. Johns parish, from which they formerly were taken."\textsuperscript{36} Here the statement is plainly made that the Pamunkey Neck portion of St. Peter's Parish had formerly been a part of St. John's Parish. The answer is simply this, that that part of Pamunkey Neck that lies above (west of) John's (or Jack's) Creek had been a part of St. Peter's Parish before St.


\textsuperscript{35} \textit{Journals of the House of Burgesses of Virginia}, 1659/60-1693, page 150.

\textsuperscript{36} \textit{Hening}, Vol. III, page 94.
John's Parish was established. Incidentally the apparent discrepancy in the records can be explained by understanding the words, "be restored and added to St. Johns parish, from which they formerly were taken" to mean "be annexed to St. John's Parish to which when the whole of Pamunkey Neck was a part of Blisland Parish (i. e., before 1678-9) they may be said formerly to have belonged." However, the best explanation of the wording of the Act of Assembly of 1691 is perhaps that the author of the bill was ignorant of the fact that part of Pamunkey Neck had been included in St. Peter's Parish as early as 1680 (i.e., before the establishment of St. John's Parish) and gratuitously embodied in his bill, which in due course was enacted as drawn, a statement which was contrary to fact.

Summing up the matter thus far, the evidence seems to the editor fairly conclusive that Blisland Parish originally included not only all that part of the territory of New Kent County as established in 1654 that lies south of the line of the York and the Pamunkey, but at least the southern half of Pamunkey Neck (the present King William County) as well. There remains to be considered the question whether or not Blisland Parish originally included also all the territory included in New Kent County as established in 1654 that lies north of the line of the York and the ridge between the Pamunkey and the Mattaponi.

Opposed to the supposition that Blisland Parish originally included territory north of the York and the ridge between the Pamunkey and the Mattaponi is the reason advanced above against the supposition that Blisland Parish originally included any of the territory between the Pamunkey and the Mattaponi, namely the fact that no document has as yet been found linking the name of Blisland Parish with any part at all of

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37 Journals of the House of Burgesses of Virginia 1659/60-1693, page 150, quoted above on page xix.
38 Page xviii.
the territory of New Kent County as established in 1654 that lies north of the line of the Pamunkey and the York.

In favor of the supposition that Blisland Parish originally (i.e., in 1653 or earlier) included territory north as well as south of the ridge between the Pamunkey and the Mattaponi, in other words that it included all the territory included in 1654 in the newly created county of New Kent (i.e., the whole water-shed of the Pamunkey-Mattaponi-York River system), are the following facts and considerations:

(1) That as a general rule the parishes in Virginia established during the period from 1643 to 1655 lay on both sides of a river and included from east to west all the territory drained by the river. Some of the parishes that illustrate this rule, with the dates of their establishment, are Bristol (1643), on the Appomattox; Westover (prior to 1652), on the James; Weyanoke (1643), on the James; Wallingford (prior to Oct. 2, 1640), on the Chickahominy; Wilmington (prior to 1680), on the Chickahominy; and Farnham (1654), on the Rappahannock.

(2) That when in the seventeenth and early part of the eighteenth centuries a new county in Virginia was established shortly after the establishment of a parish in the same general district, it was not unusual to make the county co-terminous with the parish in area. This was, for example, done in the case of (Old) Rappahannock County (est. 1656), whose bounds coincided with those of Farnham Parish (est. 1654) and in the case of Middlesex County (est. 1669), whose bounds to this day coincide with those of Christ Church Parish (est. 1666), and was probably done in the case of Hanover County (est. 1720),

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40 *The Vestry Book of Christ Church Parish, Middlesex County, Virginia, 1663-1767*, p. XIII; *The Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*, Vol. XLII, January, 1934, p. 31—*Middlesex County, Virginia: The Date of Its Origin*. 
whose northern, eastern, and southern boundaries coincide with those of St. Paul's Parish (est. 1704).

(3) Chesapeake (or Chiskiack or Kiskeake) Parish was one of the very early Colonial Virginia parishes, having been established in 1640. It was the most western of the parishes in Charles River County, the name of which was changed to York County in 1643, the same year that the name of the parish was changed from Chesapeake to Hampton.\(^4\) Now just how far to the west Hampton Parish extended between 1650 and 1653 (the most probable date of the establishment of Blisland Parish) is not definitely known. However, since there is no documentary proof whatever that any parish lay between Hampton and Blisland at the time of the establishment of the latter, and since, as has been shown above,\(^4\) the eastern boundary of Blisland at its establishment was Scimino Creek, the inference is clear (a) that Blisland was cut off from Hampton, and (b) that before the establishment of Blisland, Hampton Parish must have extended up York River to a point beyond (i.e., west of) Scimino Creek.

Now in 1654 New Kent County was established, and that same year the upper portion of Hampton Parish was erected into a new parish, Marston, whose eastern and western limits are given, in the order for its establishment, as Queen's Creek and Scimino Creek, respectively.\(^4\) The very next year (1655) Stratton Major Parish was established. But if Blisland Parish at its establishment (prior to Oct. 13, 1653) had not included the territory afterwards included in Stratton Major Parish as established in 1655 (i.e., the present King and Queen County, roughly speaking) then all that territory incorporated in Stratton Major Parish in 1655 must between Oct. 13, 1653, and Nov. 20, 1654, (the date of the establishment of Marston Parish) have

\(^4\) Page xvi.
been separated from Hampton Parish (to which it must under those circumstances have belonged, as there was no other parish to which it could have belonged) by that part of Blisland Parish extending from Scimino Creek up to a point on the south side of the York opposite the mouth of Poropotank Creek; and between Nov. 20, 1654, and March 24, 1655, (the date of the establishment of Stratton Major Parish) it must have been separated from Hampton Parish not only by the part of Blisland Parish above referred to, but also by the whole extent of Marston Parish—a state of affairs that to any one having even the slightest acquaintance with Colonial Virginia parish history is inconceivable.

In view then of the above considerations, and in spite of the lack of any direct documentary proof that such was the case, the editor thinks it most probable that Blisland Parish as originally established included just the territory that was included in New Kent County at its establishment in 1654; i.e., the whole water-shed of the Pamunkey-Mattaponi-York River system from Poropotank Creek, on the north, and Scimino Creek, on the south, as far toward the west as there were inhabitants.

Assuming then that Blisland Parish at the date of its establishment included all the territory included in New Kent County in 1654, its first loss of territory was suffered when in 1655 Stratton Major Parish (including practically what is now King and Queen County and also most probably that part of Pamunkey Neck lying north of the ridge) was established. Its next loss of territory occurred when in 1678-9 St. Peter's Parish (including the upper half of the present New Kent County on the Pamunkey River side, the lower part of the present Hanover County, and that part of Pamunkey Neck (King William County) lying west of John's (or Jack's) Creek and south of the ridge between the Pamunkey and the Mattaponi) was established. It suffered its third and last loss of territory when shortly after
June 8, 1680, St. John’s Parish (including all the lower part of Pamunkey Neck from John’s (or Jack’s) Creek downward, and the northern side of the upper part of the “Neck,” between the ridge and Mattaponi River) was established.

In 1725 Blisland Parish underwent still another territorial change, this time a change by addition. In that year Wilmington Parish, which lay on both sides of the Chickahominy from near the mouth of the river to a point some thirty miles up stream (i. e., to the west) was dissolved, and that part of the parish lying south of the Chickahominy (i. e., in Charles City County) was added to Westover Parish, while the part lying north of the river (i. e., in James City County) was divided between James City, Blisland, and St. Peter’s parishes, the middle section being annexed to Blisland. After March 1, 1725, then, Blisland Parish lay partly in New Kent County and partly in James City County, the larger portion of the parish being in New Kent.

The complete wording of the Act for dissolving the parish of Wilmington, which has not, it is believed, heretofore appeared in print, is as follows:

An Act for dissolving the parish of Wilmington in the Counties of James City and Charles City and adding the Same to other parishes.

Whereas the parish of Wilmington lying in the Counties of James City and Charles City by reason of its Situation on both Sides of Chickahominy River and the great length thereof is very inconvenient to the far greater part of the parishoners thereof Be it Enacted by the Lieu' Gov'. Coun-

44 In the Act dissolving Wilmington Parish, the date when the provisions of the Act were to take effect is given as March 1, 1724. This date is evidently according to the “Old Style” reckoning, for it was not until April 24, 1725, that former vestrymen of Wilmington Parish were sworn in as vestrymen of Blisland Parish. (See page 15.)

cil and Burgesses of this present General Assembly and it is hereby Enacted by the Authority of the Same That from and after the first Day of March which shall be in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven hundred and Twenty four or within One Month after the Same shall become vacant by the death resignation or other disability of the present incumbent which-soever Shall first happen the Said parish of Wilmington and the Vestry of the Said Parish shall be and hereby are entirely dissolved. And that that part of the Said Parish of Wilmington lying below the Mouth of Coles Mill Creek running up the Said Creek and the Lowermost branch thereof to the Head of a Valley a little below the Dwelling House of one George Weldy Be added to the parish of James City And the Said added part & the parish of James City Shall be for Ever One intire parish and be called by the Name of James City Parish And that that part of the Said parish of Wilmington lying above the Mouth of the said Mill Creek to a Line to be run from Chicohominy River a little below the plantation of William Brown Gent running from thence in a direct Line to Diascun Swamp Just below the plantation of John Netherland Gent. from there up the Said Swamp to the Line now dividing the parish of Blisland from the parish of S'. Peter Be added to the Said Parish of Blisland in the County of New-Kent And that the Said added part and the parish of Blisland shall be for Ever One intire Parish and be called by the name of Blisland Parish And that all that remaining part of the Said Parish of Wilmington lying on the East side of Chicohominy River be added to the Said Parish of S'. Peter in the County of New Kent And that the Said added part and the parish of S'. Peter shall be for ever One intire parish and be called by the Name of the parish of S'. Peter And that the remaining part of the Said parish of Wilmington lying on the West side of Chicohominy River be added to parish of Westover in the County
of Charles City and that the Said added part and the parish of Westover shall be for Ever One intire parish and be called by the Name of Westover parish All which Said parts of the Said parish of Wilmington so divided and added as aforesaid shall be liable to the respective dependencies Offices Charges Contributions and parochial Duties whatsoever payable by and incumbent on the other Inhabitants of the Said parishes to w* they are So added and be capable to receive and enjoy all privileges and Advantages relating thereto And Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid That from & after the Comencement of this Act the Vestry Men of the Said parish of Wilmington who shall reside and dwell in any part of that parish added to any other parish shall be and are by virtue of this Act added to the Vestry of the Parish to which they are so added and Shall and may have and exercise the like power & Authority for ordering and regulating the Affairs of the Said parish as the Vestry of Such parish to which they are hereby added now have and Exercise Provided That None of the Said parish's of James City Blisland S'. Peter or Westover shall at any Time hereafter Elect or Choose any Vestry Man in either or any of the Said parishes until there shall be less in Number than Twelve persons in the Vestry of any of the said Parishes.46

In 1767 Blisland Parish experienced still one more change, this last being rather a change in geographical name than one of territory. In that year the lower end of New Kent County on the York River side (which was part of Blisland Parish), extending from Ware Creek down to Scimino Creek, was cut off from New Kent County and added to James City County, while at the same time the upper end of James City County on the Chickahominy River side,

i. e., all that part of the county lying above, or north-west, of Diascun Creek, was cut off from James City County and added to New Kent County. But the Act which made this rearrangement of county boundaries left the parish boundaries unchanged, and the net result of the legislation as far as Blisland Parish was concerned was that thereafter the lower part of the York River side of the parish was in James City County instead of being in New Kent County as before, and that the lower part of the Chickahominy River side of the parish was in New Kent County instead of being in James City County as before.

The foregoing discussion of the establishment of Blisland Parish and of its territorial extent at various periods in its history makes it abundantly clear that Blisland not only was one of the early parishes of Colonial Virginia and the mother parish of St. Peter's, but was also in all probability the mother of two other parishes, Stratton-Major and St. John's, like St. Peter's more famous than itself. How it came about that the ancient origin and early history of Blisland Parish were so completely forgotten that in 1857 Bishop Meade could write, "About the year 1684 or 1685, a parish, east of St. Peter's, on Pamunkey and York Rivers, toward Williamsburg, was formed, by the name of Blisland," the present editor does not know. He does know, however, that the Bishop's incorrect assumption that St. Peter's Parish was established prior to the establishment of Blisland and that the latter was formed in 1684 or 1685 has been followed up to the present time by students of Colonial Virginia history generally. Bishop Meade's error is all the more remarkable for the reason that while writing his articles on the "Parishes in New Kent," he had before him the manuscript Vestry Book of St. Peter's, on page 7 of which occurs the following entry under the date March 31, 1688:

It is ordered by this Vestry of St. Peter's: M°: Jn*: Roper and M°: Will Ba:jse[tt] Church-wardens of this Parish doe employ a S'voyer to Runn a dividing Line between this Parish of S*: Peters and y* Parish of Blisland upon y* 30th: of May next according to an agreement of twelve men Chosen by Ord[er] of ve]try of Blisland p'ish in y*: year 1678 for y*: dividing of y*: Sam[e]

As a matter of fact the above entry in the Vestry Book of St. Peter's Parish would in itself alone be conclusive evidence of the fact that Blisland was the mother parish of St. Peter's, and that the latter was cut off from Blisland in 1678 or 1679. However, the manuscript Vestry Book of St. Peter's Parish contains still further evidence of the fact that Blisland was the mother parish of St. Peter's, for on page 11 occurs the following item:

At a Councell held at James City Octo**: y* 18 1689
Pres*: Nath: Bacon Esq.: Presi:* & Councell
For Determination of y*: Differance between Blisland Parish & S.: Peters Parish in New Kent County it appearing y*: it was agreed on when Blisland Parish was to be Divided y*: y* Dividing line Jhou[ld] begin at y* mouth of a Creek Called Cap:* Ba:jsetts Landing etc.

Finally there is the testimony of the following item on page 11 of Vol. I of the Calendar of Virginia State Papers and Other Manuscripts 1652-1781—testimony that was not available to Bishop Meade but has been available to every student of Virginia history for the past fifty years and more:

At a Gen¹ Court held at James City, April 29th, 1679, p'sent: the Deputy Gov* and Councell
The Parish of Blisland petitioning, y¹ by unanimous consent of y* whole parish, a Division by sufficient men by
them chosen is made of y° s° p'ijh, and praying that y°
Division be confirmed and ffoure of the Vestrty appearing,
and affirming that y° Division was made by consent of y°
parijh. This Court therefore confirmed the s° Division

Ver. Cop. Tefte: Roland Davis
W. P. Edwards, Clk
Gen¹ Co'.

2. Further History

The insurrection known as Bacon's Rebellion broke out in
the year 1676. Among the counties directly and deeply
implicated in and affected by that rebellion was New Kent
County, at that time embracing a territory including not
only the greater part of the present county of New Kent
but also practically the whole of the present counties of
King and Queen, King William, and Hanover, and the
upper part of the present county of James City. At that
time there were in all that territory only two parishes of
which there is any record discoverable—Stratton-Major
(est. 1655), in what is now King and Queen County and
Blisland (est. 1653, or earlier), which at that time included
the upper end of the present James City County and the
greater part of the present counties of New Kent and Han-
over, as well as, probably the southern half of the present
county of King William (called then Pamunkey Neck).

About the end of April, 1676, Nathaniel Bacon, command-
ing a force of some 300 men, of whom a number had been
recruited in New Kent County,49 set out upon his expedi-
tion against the Indians in the country between James River
and Carolina. In June Bacon, after an unsuccessful at-
ttempt to induce Governor Berkeley to grant him a commis-
sion as General in the war against the Indians, having fled
from Jamestown secretly, returned to Jamestown from the

49 Andrews, Narratives of the Insurrections, 1675-1690,—A True Nar-
rative of the Late Rebellion in Virginia, By the Royal Commissioners,
1677, p. 111.
up-country at the head of an armed force composed in part of men from New Kent County.\(^5\) On June 26, Bacon left Jamestown at the head of his men and with his commission from Governor Berkeley in his possession.\(^6\) On his second march on Jamestown, in September and after his expedition against the Pamunkey Indians, Bacon stopped again in New Kent to recruit his forces.\(^7\)

Nathaniel Bacon the Rebel died on Oct. 26, 1676, but the rebellion was not entirely suppressed until about the middle of January following. Meanwhile the insurgents were divided into five chief groups. One, under Ingram, was at West Point, at the junction of the Pamunkey and Mattaponi rivers. A second group, under Captain Drew, was at "Green Spring", Governor Berkeley's residence, on James River a few miles above Jamestown. A third, under Maj. Whaley, was at the house of Nathaniel Bacon, Sr. (member of the Council and a partizan of Berkeley's, although an uncle of the Rebel) on King's Creek, York County. The fourth group, with which Drummond and Lawrence were associated, remained at the Brick House, in New Kent County, just across the Pamunkey from West Point, until Christmas time, when all who were there moved up the river to the house of Colonel Henry Gooch, where Whaley joined them. The fifth group, under Captain Catlin and Colonel Groves, was south of James River, in Nansemond

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\(^5\) Calendar of State Papers, Colonial Series, America and West Indies, 1675-1676, pp. 415-416. Letter of William Sherwood, a partizan of Berkeley's and a member of the Council, to Secretary Sir Joseph Williamson, dated June 28, 1676.

\(^6\) Ibid.

\(^7\) Andrews, Narratives of the Insurrections, 1675-1690.—A True Narrative of the Late Rebellion in Virginia, By the Royal Commissioners, 1677, pp. 129-130, where the account reads: "Bacon in most incens'd manner Threatens to be revenged on the Governor and his party, swearing his soldiers to give noe quarter and professing to scorne to take any themselves, and soe in a great fury marches on towards James Town, onely halting a while about New Kent to gain some fresh Forces, and sending to the upper parts of James River for what they could assist him with."
County, behind Warrascoyack bay. Thus it will be seen that of the five main bodies in which the followers of Nathaniel Bacon the Rebel were grouped after his death, two—that under Ingram and the detachment at the Brick House—were in the single county of New Kent (then including King and Queen, King William, and Hanover) and one of those two, namely the detachment at the Brick House, was in Blisland Parish.

Ingram, at West Point, soon came to terms with Capt. Grantham, commander of an English merchant ship then lying in York River, who was acting for Berkeley, and his force was promptly disbanded. The force at the Brick House held out longer but to no purpose, as the event showed; finally it simply disintegrated. Whaley and Lawrence made their escape; Col. Gooch and several other leaders including Drummond were taken prisoner, and among those executed by Berkeley was "one Mr. H[all] Clarke of New Kent Court, a parson of Neate Ingenuo[us] parts, but addicted to a more than ordinary prying in [to] the Secrits of State affaires, which som yeares las[t pa]st wrought him into the Governours [dis]pleasure."

But Thomas Hall was not the one and only person of prominence in New Kent County (and probably in Blisland Parish) that suffered at the hands of the government


54 Andrews, Narratives of the Insurrections 1675-1690. The History of Bacon's and Ingram's Rebellion, 1676, p. 97. See also A List of Those That Have Been Executed for ye Late Rebellion in Virginia, by Willm Berkeley, p. 3. (in Force's Tracts, Vol. I, 1836), where this New Kent County victim is described in Berkeley's own words as "One Hall, a Clerk of a County but more useful to the rebels than 40 army men—that dyed very penitent confessing his rebellion against his King and his ingratitude to me." See also Hening, Vol. II, p. 546, where the record of Hall's trial by court martial on board Capt. Jno. Martin's ship in York River, Jan. 11, 1676/7, is to be found, and in which his first name, Thomas, is given. See also Calendar of Virginia State Papers and Other Manuscripts 1652-1781, Vol. I, p. 6, on which, under the date, Oct. 27, 1665, is given a copy of the petition of one Samuel Sutton to the Justices of New Kent signed "Thos. Hall, Clk &c."
on account of his participation in Bacon's Rebellion. Lt. Col. Henry Gooch, who had been with Drummond and Lawrence at the Brick House, and who later along with Drummond had been taken prisoner by Berkeley's forces, was brought before the Governor and Council at a court held at Green Spring on March 22, 1677, and was fined 6000 lb of pork, to be paid the following November "for the use of his majesties solldiers."\(^{55}\)

Prominent people, however, were not the only inhabitants of New Kent County to suffer on account of their participation, actual or supposed, in Bacon's Rebellion. A recent search of the Public Record Office in London brought to light the following documents,\(^{56}\) which amply prove that New Kent County—and in particular that part of the county that lay within the bounds of Blisland Parish—had more than its share of sufferers from among its planters of the moderately-well-to-do class:

1. To the R' Honb'. Herbert Jeoffeys Esq'. Govern' & Capt'. Gen'. of Virginia; Sir John Berry K". & Francis Morison Esq". his Maj"'s: Com". for the Affairs of Virginia.

The humble petition of Richard Clarke of New Kent County—Sheweth

That yo' pet'. with other the Inhabitants of this Colomy hath been forced into the late unhappy Rebellion, but yo'. pet' never took any man's goods or wronged any one, but endeavoured to continue quietly under his owne Roofe, But soe itt is may it please yo' Hon" that on the ffirst day of January last past, att which time yo' Pet'. was gon from home with his wife on a visitt, severall Armed men under y' Comand of one Roger


\(^{56}\) As far as the present editor knows, these documents are here published for the first time.
potter & M' Bryan Smith, came to yo' pet'r howse where they togather with W™ Hartwell, Richard Awborne & Sam'' Mathews, did take & carry away from of yo' pet'' plantation, fower English servants, seven Negroes, & all his howsehold goods, Bedds, Lining, & other estate, which by a reasonable value amounts to att least fower hundred pounds sterl. to the almost utter ruin of yo' pet': Two of which English servants & the said seven Negroes are in possession of Maj' Robert Beverlye who utterly refuseth to deliver them to yo'. pet'. and one other of the said English servants is detayned by the said Bryan Smith

Yo'. Pet'. therefore humbly presents the premisses to yo'. Hon''. serious consideration, praying that the said potter, Smith & Beverlye may appear before yo'. Hon'. to answere the same, & if upon Examination itt shall appeare to be a Grievance— that then yo' Hon'' will make such order here, & Report thereof to his Ma'' as to yo'. Hon''. shall seeme expedient.

And yo' pet'. shall ever pray etc. etc.

Virginia 19 die Maij 1677

It is hereby ordered that Roger Potter, Robert Beverley and Bryan Smith doe severally give in good securitie for such goods & servants of the Petitioner's (Richard Clarke) as are in their or any of their possession or Custody, together with a true Inventory of the same, to be Registered on Record in the Secretary's office, as also security against any wilfull wast or embezlement of the said Estate, or any part thereof, & to be accountable for the meane profitts till his Majesties Royall Pleasure be knowne, which Bond for performance hereof is to bee given in before the next Justice or Justices
of the Peace where the partie lives in whose possession
the said Goods & Servants or other Estate of the Said
Clarke is or shall be found.

Herb. Jeffreys
Francis Moryson

2. The case of Mr. Richard Clarke of New Kent
County, humbly presented upon oath to the Hon. Com'. for the affairs of Virg.

During the late unhappy times the complainant being
under y\textsuperscript{e} same force the whole country was, and haweing a
small estate on which he hoped to live comfortably, and en-
deavouring the preservation thereof, the late Grand Rebell
Nath. Bacon Jun'. when he laid seige to James Town &
all the Neighbourhood under his absolute comand, the said
Bacon sent six troopers to the Complainant with a Comis-
sion as Capt'. upon which he confesseth being constrained
thereunto, he came with Eight of his Neighbours where he
staid two Days, in that time he acquainted Bacon of his
unskillfulness in military affairs, and protested ag\textsuperscript{e} Bacons
plundering & fyreing, upon which the compl'. returned
home, & never bore Armes or associated with Bacon or
(either before or after) taking any mans goods, or concern-
ing himself in y\textsuperscript{e} troubles but remained peaceably att his
owne howse. That after Bacon dyed Ingram sent twice
for the complainant & offered him the like Commission,
but he would not otherwise accept it then by securing his
owne family & estate for that he lay open to the River &
soe lyable to be plundered by many that lay privily lurking
& skulking to plunder, & the Complainant confesseth that
seven of his Neighbours for their security came to the com-
plainants howse where they continued fower days; & on
the twenty fowerth day of December last, they went from

\textsuperscript{57} Public Record Office, London. C. O. 1, Vol. 40, No. 5.
thence and the same day he with his wife went on a visit to M. Wm. Beackey's at least twenty miles from his house and in the time of his being there a party of men under the Command of Roger Potter, with whom was Bryan Smith, Richd. Awborne, Wm. Hartwell, & Sam'l. Mathews, came to this deponent's house (as he can well prove) & carried away lower English servants, seven Negroes, and all his household goods & other estate, which by a moderate computation amounteth to lower hundred pounds sterl. besides his payd bills, accompts for debts due to him amounting to att least twenty three thousand pounds of tobacco, Which Negroes & two of the English servants Maj' Robert Beverlye hath in his custody & denies to deliver them to this deponent, pretending he bought them of the soldiers he being then their cheife Commander (as the dep'. is informed) And one other of y° Deponents English servants is detayned by the said Bryan Smith who also refuseth to redeliver him.

Richard Clarke

Jurat 19 die Maij 1677
coram nobis
Herb. Jeffreys
Francis Moryson

3. To the Hon° Herbert Jeffreys Esq°: S° John Berry Kst & Francis Moryson Esq° his most sacred Ma"°: Com°: for Virginia
The humble petition & grievance of Robert Lowder, John Cocker & Robert porter planters of New Kent County
Most humbly sheweth
That yo° pet°: Amongst other Inhab°: of this late disloyall Colony have been seduced into & forced into the late unhappy Rebellion, for w° (out of a deepe sense of their guilt) they doe most heartily repent, and have laid holde of his Ma"° most gratious pardon, taken the oath of

obedience, & resolved to continue his most sacred Ma\textsuperscript{t}: loyall subjects:

But soe itt is may itt please yo'. Hon\textsuperscript{s} that M'. Bryan Smith hath lately by force & threats compelled yo'. pet\textsuperscript{s}: to give him bills for the sum of 4250 lbs of tobacco & Caske under pretence that yo'. pet\textsuperscript{ss}: in the late Rebellion killed his hoggs, & threatenes that unless we would give our bill for y's summe he would immediately comitt us to prison, soe yt. we being under that dures & feere, did pass our bills, but we having read yo' Hon\textsuperscript{s}. declaration to the Inhab\textsuperscript{s}. of this Colony to present their grievances do therefore:

Most humbly Complain of the said force & compulsion of the said M' Smith, & humbly begg such releife therein as to yo'. hon\textsuperscript{s}. in yo'. mature Judgm\textsuperscript{s}. shall be thought meete

And yo' pet\textsuperscript{s} shall ever pray for y' kings Ma\textsuperscript{t}: & yo'. hon\textsuperscript{ss}. everlasting prosperity and the peace & wellfare of this poore Colony

Robert Lowder
John Cocker
signed:
Robert Porter

M\textsuperscript{s}. to send for Smith \& order of the Com\textsuperscript{s}.:

4. To the Hon\textsuperscript{s}. Herbert Jeffries Esq'. S'. John Berry Kn\textsuperscript{s}. & Francis Morison Esq'. his most sacred Ma\textsuperscript{t}: Com\textsuperscript{s}. for Virginia

The humble petition of Stephen Tarleton of New Kent County Most humbly sheweth

That yo' pet' being as he most penitently & sorrowfully acknowledgeth seduced into the late horrible Rebellion, & taken y's unlawful oath imposed by the late grand Rebell Nathaniell Bacon Jun\textsuperscript{t}. & being conscious of his guilt

thereof, did upon the firste publishing his most sacred Ma"*: gratious & surpassing Act of pardon, to his distressed subjects of this late disloyall Colony lay hold of the same, & take the oath of Allegiance & then was & still is ready to performe those other due & reasonable Conditions which by his Ma"*: said pardon he is justly enioyned to doe, & being by the hon"* Govern". proclamation of the 9th of ffebruary last referred to the determination of yo' hon"*.

Yo' Pet'. therefore in all humility beseecheth Mercy & pardon for his said Crimes, and humbly prayeth y'. he may be admitted to the full benefit of his Ma"*: said Act of pardon

And he as in duty bound, shall ever pray etc. etc. 60

On January 29, 1677, the commissioners sent over by the English Government to inquire into and report upon the state of affairs in the colony arrived in Virginia. When they let it be known that they would receive and examine "grievances" that were duly signed and sworn to, many such "grievances," complaining of the oppressions which had caused the Rebellion, were presented by the inhabitants of various counties and parishes—and among these documents was the following from Blisland Parish, which, it is believed, is here published for the first time:

To the Honorable Herberte Jeffries Esq'. S' John Berrie Knighte ffrancis Morrison Esq' his Maiesties Commissioners apointed to Enquire into, and to make reporte to his most Exelent Maiestie of the Grievances and pressur's of his Maiesties Subjects of this his Maiesties plantation of Virginia.

We his Maiesties most obedient and Gratefull Subiects being Some of y' Inhabitants of the parishe of Blisland,

The Blisland Parish Grievances of 1677
in the Countie of New Kent, in obedience to his Maisties Condescention and mission, doe humbly present to you’. honou’s these followinge Greiveances and pressures.

Wee present as an insupportable Greiveance the greate taxes impos’d upon us yearely, especially the sixtie pounds poll w™ for two years together was levied upon the Countrie, over and beside all ordenarie and Legall [ ] for the publique, Countie and parish,

Wee present as a most Heavie Greivance the late frequent Horrid and barbarous Murthers Committed and petuated upon our ffellow Subjects by the fIdious Indians, the Manifould Rapins and depredations by them Committed upon our stocks and estates, and still Expectinge releife, but no order was taken but only that wee should drawe together at Least tenne able men to one house, Whereupon ensued the Lamentable burninge of Houses, and Severall Kild f the Indians, in adventuringe to goe to there plantation to make some Corne.

We present as a greivance the Greate exactions of shir-riffes, althoughg the Compleate Sallarie of Tenn in the Hundred be raised w™ y° Leavie, yet in Case a man hath not tobacco readie at his owne house, he will not receive it at any other place w’hout the alowance of Tenn pounds more for every hundred more

We present as a greivance, the sellinge of strong drinke at any place where the Countie Courte is kept during the Courte day or what time the Courte shall sitt or Continue, it breeding Matter of protraction in the Countie afayres, to the great expence and Losse of time to those that live remote

We present as a manifisf Greeance the ffort Duties Mentioned in the printed booke of Acts of Assemblie Levied upon the ships ffor and towards a Magazeene, it being as we Conceive for the use of the publique, notw’hstandinge when we are at any time Called fourth by publicke au-
thorie upon any Millitarie occation, we are forced to find
our selves Amunition upon our private Charge, nor canne
we understand, who have, or to what use impoyed the sayd
Amunition so rayed to soe Nessesarie and good intent

We present as a great greevance the imposition of two
shillings the Hogshead, we humbly Conceive if Narrowly
Looked into, and impoyd accordinge to the true intent
and Meaninge of the express words of the acte, it would
Lessen the Leavie and give Mutch Creaditt to the publicke
Dated the 2th day of Aprill 1677 we the subscribres have
sett our names or Markes

Rees Hughes [ ]sephe Pease
[ ]illiam Adkins [ ]n Hill
John Lucerie62 [?] Jonio' David Crafford68
James Blackwell63 George Phillips
Lewis Williams John Longworthie
John Mackoy64 John Roe [?]
[ ]icholas Barnhouse65 Thomas Tilley
[ ]obert Harman66 Peter Ma[sie
[ ]effery Davis Edward Gray
[ ]rancis Little James Perrine

62 John Lucerie Jonio'. This name should possibly have been rendered
"Ducerie." The editor is uncertain what the correct reading is.
63 James Blackwell. A certain James Blackwell was a processioner in
St. Peter's Parish in the year 1689. See MS. Vestry Book of St. Peter's
Parish, p. 11.
64 John Mackoy. A certain Jn° Mackoy was a processioner in St.
Peter's Parish in the year 1689. See MS. Vestry Book of St. Peter's
Parish, p. 11.
65 [ ]icholas Barnhouse. See page xi.
66 [ ]obert Harman. A certain Robt. Harman was a processioner in
St. Peter's Parish in the year 1689. See MS. Vestry Book of St. Peter's
Parish, p. 11.
67 [ ]n Hill. See page 69, "To Sarah Haukins for Cureing John
Hill® Legg—00500." Oct. 12, 1738.
68 David Crafford. A certain David Craford Jun' was a processioner
in St. Peter's Parish in the year 1689. See MS. Vestry Book of St.
Peter's Parish, p. 11.
Edward Burton
John ffleming
Robert Andersone
Thomas Gittins
Martin Midlton
Thomas Glasse
John Dawes
Charles Lovall
Giles Andrewes
Henry Snead
Robert Hughes
Rch: Corley
Andrew Spraglinge
Charles Millsford
Thomas Page
Luke Haward
Charles Bostike
Thomas Mooreman
James Garrett
Tho: Lownell
John Baughan
James Niccoll
Nichols Lawsone
Edward Johnson
James Austin

69 John ffleming. A certain Chas. ffleming was a processioner in St. Peter’s Parish in the year 1689. See MS. Vestry Book of St. Peter’s Parish, p. 11.
70 Robert Andersone. In a patent dated Apr. 22, 1670 (and recorded on p. 78 of Patent Book No. 6 in the Virginia Land Office) to 4150 acres in “Pamunkey Necke,” there occurs, in the list of persons on account of whose transportation into Virginia the land was granted, the name of Robt. Anderson.
71 Charles Lovall. A certain Chas. Lovell was a processioner in St. Peter’s Parish in the year 1689. See MS. Vestry Book of St. Peter’s Parish, p. 11.
72 Robert Hughes. A certain Robt. Hughes was a processioner in St. Peter’s Parish in the year 1689. See MS. Vestry Book of St. Peter’s Parish, p. 11.
73 Charles Millsford. This name should possibly have been rendered “Willsford” or “Hillsford.” The editor is uncertain what the correct reading is.
74 Charles Bostike. See page xlix, where, under date of May 19, 1682, Charles Bostwicke, of New Kent County, is ordered committed to the custody of the Sheriff of York County for, “words greatly encouraging the present distractions, by cutting up Tobacco plants.” Note also that a certain Chas. Bostick was a processioner in St. Peter’s Parish in the year 1689. See MS. Vestry Book of St. Peter’s Parish, p. 11.
75 John Baughan. A certain Jn Baughan was a processioner in St. Peter’s Parish in the year 1689. See MS. Vestry Book of St. Peter’s Parish, p. 11.
76 Nichols Lawsone. A certain Nick: Losjen was a processioner in St. Peter’s Parish in the year 1689. See MS. Vestry Book of St. Peter’s Parish, p. 11.
77 James Austin. In a patent dated May 15, 1670 (and recorded on p. 463 of Patent Book No. 6 in the Virginia Land Office) to a tract
of land on the south side of the Mattaponi occurs the name of Sam Oustin. Note also that a certain James Austin was a processoner in St. Peter's Parish in the year 1689. See MS. Vestry Book of St. Peter's Parish, p. 11.

78 Rowland Horsley. A certain Rowland Horsley was a processoner in St. Peter's Parish in the year 1689. See MS. Vestry Book of St. Peter's Parish, p. 11.

79 Richard Horsl. This signature was left unfinished and has evidently been scratched through with a pen.

80 will wrighte. In a patent dated Apl. 22, 1670 (and recorded on p. 78 of Patent Book No. 6 in the Virginia Land Office) to 4150 acres in "Pamunkey Necke," there occurs, in the list of persons on account of whose transportation into Virginia the land was granted, the name of Arth. Wright.

81 Roger Pouncie. See page xi.

82 Henry Turner. A certain Hen: Turner was a processoner in St. Peter's Parish in the year 1689. See MS. Vestry Book of St. Peter's Parish, p. 11.

83 Will: Mosse. A certain Wm Mosse was a processoner in St. Peter's Parish in the year 1689. See MS. Vestry Book of St. Peter's Parish, p. 11.

84 John Barnett. In a patent dated Sep. 4, 1670 (and recorded on p. 77 of Patent Book No. 6 in the Virginia Land Office) to 1900 acres in "Pamunckey Necke," there occurs, in the list of persons on account of whose transportation into Virginia the land was granted, the name of Wm Barnett.

85 John Vaughan. A certain Jn Vaughan was a processoner in St. Peter's Parish in the year 1689. See MS. Vestry Book of St. Peter's Parish, p. 10.

86 Gregory barnatt. See note above on John Barnett.
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Within little more than five years after the suppression of Bacon’s Rebellion, the Colony of Virginia was the scene of another uprising—the Tobacco Riots—and again New Kent was among the counties most deeply involved in the disturbance.

87 Robert Speare. A certain Rob Speare was a processioneer in St. Peter’s Parish in the year 1689. See MS. Vestry Book of St. Peter’s Parish, p. 10.

88 Henry Greene. A certain Hen Greene was a processioneer in St. Peter’s Parish in the year 1689. See MS. Vestry Book of St. Peter’s Parish, p. 10.

89 John Waddell. A certain John Waddell was a processioneer in St. Peter’s Parish in the year 1689. See MS. Vestry Book of St. Peter’s Parish, p. 10.

90 Sam: wrighte. See note above on will wrighte.

91 Will: Rosse. A certain Wm Ross was a processioneer in St. Peter’s Parish in the year 1689. See MS. Vestry Book of St. Peter’s Parish, p. 10.

92 Richmond Terrell. See within, pp. 75 to 179, where a certain Richmond Terrell appears continuously from 1740 to 1768 as a Vestryman ofBlisland Parish.

93 George Coxe. A certain Geo. Cox was a processioneer in the Pamunkey Neck district of St. Peter’s Parish in the year 1689. See MS. Vestry Book of St. Peter’s Parish, p. 11.


95 John Roper. See page xxxiii, where a certain John Roper is mentioned as being one of the church wardens of St. Peter’s Parish in the year 1688. This John Roper was a vestryman of St. Peter’s as early as 1686, and is listed in 1689 as a processioneer. See MS. Vestry Book of St. Peter’s Parish, pp. 7, 3, and 10.
During the session of the General Assembly that met at Jamestown June 8, 1680, it was enacted "that there be within two months next, and immediately after the publication hereof in every respective county within this his majesties colony fifty acres of land purchased by the sfeoffees of the several counties at the rates hereafter sett downe and measured about, layd out and appointed for a town for storehouses, &c. for such county as is hereafter sett downe and expressed, that is to say, . . .

In New Kent county att the Brick house a long the high land from marsh to marsh" 96

The underlying cause of the passage of the above Act was the low price of tobacco prevailing at the time, a price which the various provisions of the Act would, it was hoped, tend to raise. However, the Act had an effect directly opposite to the one intended, and in the event it was itself one of the main contributing causes of widespread tobacco riots, when groups of poor tobacco planters went about destroying tobacco plants in the beds before they could be transplanted. These riots began in Gloucester County, but soon spread to Middlesex and New Kent. The connection between Act V of the General Assembly of 1680 and the tobacco riots of May-August, 1682, in which many of the inhabitants of Blisland Parish must have been implicated, is well given in a report made on May 4, 1683, by the Council to Governor Culpeper. 97

Among the existing records bearing witness to the fact that New Kent County and, by implication, Blisland Parish were involved in the Tobacco Riots of 1682 are the following:

1. A letter of the Secretary of Virginia, Nicholas Spencer, to Sir Leoline Jenkins, dated May 8, 1682, in which he

writes that the tobacco riots in Gloucester are now spreading to New Kent; 98

2. An Order, dated May 19, 1682, for the committal of Stephen Tarleton and Charles Bostwicke, of New Kent County, to the custody of the Sheriff of York County for “words greatly encourageing the present distractions; by cutting up Tobacco plants”. 99

3. An Order, dated May 23rd, 1682, for the suspension of John Woodington, of New Kent County, from his office of Justice of the Peace, and for his committal to the custody of the Sheriff of York County for his failure to check “y* Plant Cutters” and for his encouraging them “to proceed in their riotous and tumultuous manners and to cut up other plants”; 100

4. A letter of Sir Henry Chicheley, Acting Governor, to Sir Leoline Jenkins, dated May 30, 1682, in which he writes: “Things are much improved, thank God, since my last, though the rioters persisted by day or night till they had destroyed the plants of near three parts of Gloucester, half New Kent, the lower part of Middlesex,” etc. 101

In connection with the order above for the committal to custody of Stephen Tarleton and Charles Bostwicke, it is of interest to note (1) that the former had been somewhat deeply implicated in Bacon’s Rebellion, that in May 1682 he was under arrest for complicity in the Tobacco Riots, and that nevertheless within three and a half years thereafter he was holding the prominent position of vestryman

98 Calendar of State Papers, Colonial Series, America and West Indies, 1681-1685, p. 228, No. 495.
100 Ibid, p. 22.
101 Calendar of State Papers, Colonial Series, America and West Indies, 1681-1685, p. 241, No. 531.
in St. Peter's Parish\textsuperscript{102}; and that (2) a certain Charles Bosticke was one of the signers of the Blisland Parish Grievances of 1677\textsuperscript{103} and that in the year 1689 Char: Bostick was appointed a processer in St. Peter's Parish.\textsuperscript{104}

The uprising known as the Tobacco Riots of 1682 was the last disturbance of more than local importance that Blisland Parish figured in until the outbreak of the American Revolution. Meanwhile, however, a number of events took place that doubtless were of more or less interest to the people of the parish generally. Perhaps the first of these events—a mere incident except to the persons chiefly concerned in it—is the one graphically recorded in the following entry in the Executive Journals of the Council:

\begin{quote}
Fryday y\textsuperscript{e} 30\textsuperscript{th} of October 1696

Anne Grey of Blisland Parish in New Kent County convicted and condemned for y\textsuperscript{e} murder of John Reynolds, presenting a petition sign'd by many of the principal Inhabitants of this Colony praying a repreive for her, & being rep'sented to his Excellency by y\textsuperscript{e} Councill as an object of mercy his Ex^e granted her a repreive till the fourth day of October Gen\textsuperscript{11} Court next that in the mean time she may apply for his Ma^e Grace and pardon.\textsuperscript{105}
\end{quote}

In the year 1702 Blisland Parish, now much reduced in area since its first days, contained only 526 tithables.\textsuperscript{106}

On July 29, 1703, Sir Edward Northey, Knight, her Majesty's Attorney General, rendered his opinion upon the

\begin{footnotesize}
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\item[102]MS. Vestry Book of St. Peter's Parish, page 2, under the date Nov. 16, 1685.
\item[103]See page xlv.
\item[104]MS. Vestry Book of St. Peter's Parish, page 11.
\item[106]Public Record Office, London. C. O. 5, Vol. 1312, No. 38\textsuperscript{11}. \textit{List of the Parishes, Tythables, Ministers, etc. in Virginia in July 1702.}
\end{itemize}
\end{footnotesize}
Act of Assembly of the Colony of Virginia "relating to the Church and particularly Concerning Induction of Minist". On the 3rd of March following, this opinion was read at a Council held at Williamsburg, and the Governor, Francis Nicholson, in Council was pleased to order that a copy of it be sent "to the Churchwardens of each parish within this Colony Requiring them upon receipt thereof forthwith to Call a vestry, and there to cause the Same to be read and entered into the vestry book to the intent the 4th vestry may offer to his Excellency what they think proper thereupon."\(^{107}\)

In reply to the order contained in the Governor's letter, the vestry of Blisland Parish wrote as follows:

To his Excellcy Francis Nicholson Esq her Majestys Lieu and Govern' Gen of Virginia

We the Subscribers the Vestry for Blissland Parish in New Kent County humbly Acquaint your Excellency that the Rev M' Daniel Taylor our present Minister hath hitherto Aproved himself a person Every way answerable to your Excellencys Charact. We therefore think ourselves in Duty and Gratitude Obliged to sent the Reverend M' Danil Taylor whome if yo' Excellcy pleases to admitt, We humbly desire may be Instituted & Inducted into our parish and we shall be Most thankfull who are

Yo' Excellcy Most Dutyfull and
Humble Servants to power

\[\begin{array}{c}
Wm Bassett \\
Roger Thompson \\
John Vaughton \end{array}\] Church ward

\(^{107}\) Vestry Book of Petworth Parish, Gloucester County, Virginia, 1677-1793, pp. 80-81. See also Ibid., pp. 78-79 for a copy of Sir Edward Northey's "opinion."
It is to be noted that Blisland Parish, through its vestry, asked that its minister be inducted, as did also Christ Church Parish, Middlesex County; while the vestry of St. Peter's Parish, New Kent County, wrote, "that they are not for Inducting the Minister not for any dislike they have to him but that the whole *induction* is ag* Induction"; and the vestry of Petsworth Parish, Gloucester County, at first ignored the Governor's letter of March 3, 1704, but being admonished by the latter in a second communication written nearly seven weeks later (April 18), they submitted themselves and wrote to the Governor humbly praying his Excellency to grant their minister, the Rev. Emanuel Jones, institution and induction.

On June 18, 1724, the Rev. John Brunskill, Minister of Wilmington Parish, wrote the following in reply to a letter from the Lord Bishop of London asking for information about the parish:

"It is about 30 miles in length and nine in breadth and contains about 180 Families, white, Christian people."

In reply to a similar letter addressed to him, the Rev. Daniel Taylor, Minister of Blisland Parish, wrote that

109 Vestry Book of Christ Church Parish, Middlesex County, Virginia, 1663-1767, pp. 98-100.
112 Perry, Historical Collections relating to the American Colonial Church, Vol. 1—Virginia, pp. 277-279.
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Blisland was thirty miles long and contained one hundred and thirty six families.\(^{113}\)

In connection with the letter of the Rev. Mr. Brunskill above referred to, it is to be noted that in accordance with the provisions of Act XII of the General Assembly of May 9, 1723, the parish of Wilmington was due to be dissolved on March 1, 1725.\(^{114}\)

That the Act of Assembly dissolving Wilmington Parish did not in all its provisions meet with the approval of all the inhabitants of the parish is evident from the following:

Thursday, February 8, 1727

Also a petition of sundry Inhabitants of that part of the parish of Blisland which was formerly a part of the s'd dissolved parish of Wilmington, praying that that part of the parish may be united to the parish of the St. Peters, were severally presented to the House & read

Resolved, that the said petitions be Rejected.\(^{115}\)

From a paper in the Public Record Office, London, dated 1729 and entitled “The present State of Virginia,” it appears that at that date New Kent County was 97,325 acres in extent; that there were 1364 tithables in the county; that the Sheriff was Wm Kenney; that the Coroners were John Scott and Rich\(^a\) Richardson; that the Burgesses were Rich\(^b\) Richardson and John Bacon; that the Justices of the Peace were John Scott, John Sclater, Charles Lewis, William Macon, Nich\(^f\) Aldersey, William Kenney, Rich\(^d\) Richardson, Thomas Bray, Ebenezer Adams, Thomas Massie, William Morris, Joseph ffoster, Robert Lewis, John Otey,


\(^{114}\) *Hening*, Vol. IV, p. 141. See also within, pages xxix and xxx and page 15, where under the date April 24, 1725, it is recorded that three former vestrymen of Wilmington Parish were sworn in as vestrymen of the parish of Blisland.

\(^{115}\) *Journals of the House of Burgesses of Virginia* 1727-1740, p. 13.
Charles Massie, and W’m Makain—of whom the last six constituted the “Quorum”; that the County Clerk was John Thornton; that there were two parishes, Blisland, with the Rev. Daniel Taylor as minister, and St. Peter’s, with the Rev. Mr. Mossom as minister; that the Surveyor was John Syme; and that the County Lieutenant was John Carter, Esq’.116

In the Journals of the House of Burgesses of Virginia there occurs the following item relative to the Rev. Chicheley Thacker, Minister of Blisland Parish:

Monday, November 13, 1738.

Ordered, That the Thanks of this House be return’d to the Rev. M’ Chichley Thacker, for his excellent Sermon Yesterday, preach’d before this House; And that M’ Conway, M’ Fitzhugh, M’ Willis, and M’ Carter, acquaint him therewith.

Ordered, That One Thousand Copies of the said Sermon be printed, at the Public Charge, to be proportioned among’t the several Counties in this Colony; to be distributed by the respective Courts of the said Counties, in the best Manner, for the Comfort of Christians, against the groundless Objections to the Divinity and Dignity of the Blessed Jesus.117

In 1738 a difference of opinion arose over the desirability of continuing the public warehouse at Taskanask, which was situated probably near the mouth of the creek of that name flowing into York River between Ware Creek and Scimino Creek,118 and petitions pro and con were presented to the General Assembly. The following entry on page 336 of the Journals of the House of Burgesses of Virginia, 1727-

118 See Frontispiece Map.
1740, shows the interest of the people of Blisland Parish in the matter:

Wednesday December 6, 1738

The House proceeded to the Consideration of the Report from the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, upon the Petition of the Inhabitants of the Parish of Blisland, in the County of New Kent, for repealing the Public Warehouse at Taskansk . . .

Resolved that the said Warehouse be discontinued, and another instead thereof, appointed at the Brick-house 119

At some time during the year 1751, or possibly in January or February 1752, on three successive Sundays, those present at divine service in the parish church of Blisland were treated to what in those days was probably not an unusual interruption to the regular order of service, when there was read out a notice that application would be made to the next General Assembly for the passage of “An Act for docking the entail of certain lands in the county of James-City, and vesting the same in Thomas Chamberlayne, gentleman, in fee simple; and for settling other lands of greater value to the same uses.” 120

On page 124 of this volume is recorded an Order of Vestry, “that the Church Wardens of this Parish do Sell the Glebe Land in James City County, Pursuant to an Act of Assembly made in 1753.” The preliminary legislative action which made that order possible was as follows:

Monday December 17th [1753]

The Bill intituled An Act to enable the Vestry of the Parish of Blisland in the Counties of James City & New

119 The Fry & Jefferson map locates the Brick-house near the point where the modern Richmond-West Point highway crosses the Pamunkey at West Point. (See Frontispiece Map.)

120 Hening, Vol. VI, pp. 319-320. See also Ibid., pp. 321-324.
Kent to sell a Plantation and two Hundred Acres of Land in the said Parish, and to buy Communion plate & Ornaments for the lower Church in that Parish with the Purchase Money. was read the first Time . . . Read a Second Time . . . Read . . . a Third Time . . . Resolved that the said Bill be agreed to.\textsuperscript{121}

Wednesday December 19, 1753

The Blisland parish bill [to sell land and buy Church plate and ornaments] passed.\textsuperscript{122}

It is a well-known fact that George Washington's wife, Martha (Dandridge) Custis, was a native of New Kent County, and that at the time of her marriage to Col. Washington she was the mistress of the White House plantation, on Pamunkey River, in St. Peter's Parish, New Kent. It is also well-known that Anna Maria Dandridge, Mrs. Washington's sister, was the wife of Col. Burwell Bassett, of "Eltham," in Blisland Parish, New Kent County. Under the circumstances it was natural that Washington stopped frequently and visited somewhat widely in New Kent when travelling through that county on his many trips from "Mt. Vernon" to Williamsburg and back again. Among the entries in Washington's diaries mentioning people, homes, and churches in New Kent County visited by him between May 7, 1768, and Nov. 16, 1773, are the following, which are taken from John C. Fitzpatrick's, \textit{The Diaries of George Washington, 1748-1799}:

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1768, May 7. Came up to Colo. Bassett's to Dinner.

8. Went to Church and returned to Dinner.

11. Dined at the Glebe with Mr. Davis.

\textsuperscript{121} Legislative Journals of the Council of Colonial Virginia, Vol. II, p. 112.

\textsuperscript{122} Journals of the House of Burgesses of Virginia, 1752-1758, p. 170.

16. Dined at Mrs. Dangerfield’s with Colo. Bassett’s Family, and returned in the afternoon to Eltham.

18. Rid to the Brick House . . . and returned to Dinner, after which went to Mr. Davis’s and Drank Tea.

19. Went to Church and returned to Colo. Bassett’s to Dinner.

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1772, April 4. Took a Cold dinner at Mr. Southal’s and came up to Eltham in the afternoon.

5. Went to see Mrs. Dandridge betwn. Breakfast and Dinner.

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1772, Nov. 8. At Colo. Bassett’s all day.

10. Rid up with Mr. Hill to Rockahock, and Plantations in New Kent, and returned, after Dining with Mrs. Chamberlayne, to Colo. Bassett’s at Night. Mr. Custis went with me.

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1773, Nov. 16. Went with Mrs. Washington and Mr. Custis to Mr. Burbidge’s to see Mr. Bat Dandridge. Stayd all Night.

In commenting on several of the above entries, Mr. Fitzpatrick, largely following the late Dr. Joseph Meredith Toner, makes one or two mistakes. He says:
(1) That Mr. Davis was "The Rev. Thomas Davis later minister of Christ Church, Alexandria. He officiated at Washington's funeral (Toner)."

The Mr. Davis referred to here by Washington was without doubt the Rev. Price Davies, Rector of Blisland Parish, of which Col. Burwell Bassett was then (1768) a vestryman, and the Upper Church of which was within a few miles of "Elham," Col. Bassett's home.

(2) That Mrs. Chamberlayne was "Mrs. William Chamberlayne, Williams' Ferry on the Pamunkey. According to tradition it was at Col. William Chamberlayne's house that Washington first met Mrs. Martha Custis, the widow of Daniel Parke Custis, and it was he who introduced Washington to his future wife."

The Mrs. Chamberlayne referred to here by Washington was most probably Mrs. Richard Chamberlayne, the daughter-in-law of William Chamberlayne, who died in 1736. William Chamberlayne's widow, Elizabeth (Littlepage) Chamberlayne remarried less than four years after her first husband's death. Her second husband was William Gray, of New Kent County.123

(3) That the church Washington says he attended on May 19, 1771, was "St. Peter's Episcopal Church, New Kent County."

It is most improbable that the church here referred to by Washington was St. Peter's Church. It was almost certainly the Upper Church of Blisland Parish, which Washington's brother-in-law and host, a vestryman of the parish, naturally attended. Incidentally, had Washington, who only the day before had visited the Rev. Mr. Price Davies at the latter's home, the Glebe, on this day attended service at St. Peter's Church, he would have been doing at one and the same time three somewhat peculiar things:

(a) passing by one Episcopal Church near at hand to attend another many miles farther away, (b) neglecting the church of the parish of which his host was vestryman and had frequently been church warden to attend a church in a neighboring parish, and (c) failing to attend the church of which his friend that he had gone to see the day before was the minister and, instead, going off to attend another church. Under the circumstances it is not too much to say that on Sunday, May 19, 1771, Washington attended service at the Upper Church of Blisland Parish. If it was not the Upper Church of Blisland Parish that Washington attended that day, then it was the Lower Church of Blisland, which while at a greater distance from “Eltham” than was the Upper Church, was nearer to “Eltham” than St. Peter’s Church was.

The further history of Blisland Parish apart from what is given in the main body of this volume is soon told. Blisland was represented by its minister and a lay delegate in the Diocesan Convention of 1785, and by lay delegates in the Conventions of 1787 and 1796 to 1799. In 1892 the Diocese of Southern Virginia was cut off from the Diocese of Virginia, the dividing line between New Kent and James City counties being part of the dividing line between the dioceses; therefore Blisland Parish in the Diocese of Virginia now lies wholly in New Kent County, while Blisland Parish in the Diocese of Southern Virginia lies wholly in James City County.

The four-line heading to page 1 of this volume is, of course not a transcript from the original record. The manuscript record begins with the words:

At a VeJtry [ ] Bl[ ]d Parish at [ ] Brick Church [ ].

124 See page 231.
The facsimile of the Blisland Parish "Grievances" of 1677, between pages xlii and xliii of this introduction, is from a photograph made in London especially for this work. The map which serves as a frontispiece to the volume is from a photostat of a part of the 1775 edition of the map of Virginia drawn by Joshua Fry and Peter Jefferson. At the proper places the names "Blisland Parish" and "Appomattox River," which do not appear on the Fry and Jefferson map, have been inserted with a view to making the map more useful as a guide to students not intimately acquainted with the geography of Tide-Water Virginia.

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It is to be noted that wherever in this preface a date in the Old Style (for example, March 2, 1642/3) occurs in a quoted passage, the date is reproduced as it appears in the original passage: where, however, reference merely is made to a date which in the document from which it is taken appears in the Old Style, it is given in the New Style; for example, the date above would appear as March 2, 1643. This change the editor thinks justified on the ground that it makes it easier for the general reader to follow the chronology.
The editor wishes here to make grateful acknowledgment of his indebtedness to Mr. Joseph W. Geddes, A.I.A., P.A.S.I., of Williamsburg, Va., for the photograph of Hickory Neck Church, which appears as one of the illustrations to this volume, as well as for certain data which served as the basis for the historical note appended to the photograph; to the Rev. Arthur P. Gray of West Point, Va., and to Mr. Rutherford Snell, of Richmond, for helpful suggestions made during the writing of this introduction; and to the Rev. G. MacLaren Brydon, D. D., Historiographer of the Diocese of Virginia, Mr. Morgan P. Robinson, Archivist of the Virginia State Library, and Mr. Wilmer L. Hall, State Librarian, for their courtesy in reading the introduction while in manuscript form. Although in frequent instances changes suggested by these gentlemen have been made, the editor wishes it to be understood that he alone is responsible for the theories and hypotheses advanced in this introduction. As to the main thesis embodied in these pages, that for about four months after the establishment of New Kent County that county and Blisland Parish were most probably coterminous in area, the editor thinks it only fair to himself to state that it is entirely his own, that it occurred to him only very gradually, and that it took final form only after months spent by him in laborious investigation of all the sources available to him.

The editor has read the proof sheets of the Vestry Book several times, and in cases of doubt has always referred to the original manuscript; but he is well aware of the fact that in work of this kind some mistakes are bound to occur, and he can only hope that the mistakes made, whether of judgment or of oversight, in this printed reproduction of the original are few in number. In this connection he would refer the reader to the list of errata—possible, probable, and certain—to be found inserted between the Appendix and the Index. Any one wishing to check up on the
editor in his work can do so by comparing the printed Vestry Book with the original manuscript volume, which is now in the custody of the Archives Division of the Virginia State Library, in Richmond.

C. G. Chamberlayne.

Richmond, Va.,
May 1, 1935.
The Vestry Book
...of...
Blisland Parish
New Kent County, Virginia, 1721-1786

At a Vestry [ ] Bi[ ]d Parish at [ ] Brick Church [ ]

P'fent M' Daniel Taylor Mini[t] Cap': Nicholas Aldersey
& Cap: [ ] Kenney Ch w

Willm. Bajsett Eq': M': William Cox
Majo': Jn': Thornton M': William Morris
Cap': Jn': Hockaday Cap': Jn': Armistead
Cap': Geo': Keeling Hen: Holdcraft
Vejtrymen

Whereas m' John Slaughter: is Come Again to Dwell in
this Parish: he is Now Chosen A Vestryman instead of
Cap': John Stanup Deceased: and being p'fent is Sworne
accordingly before Cap': Willm Ken[ ] a Majostrate of
this County

P'fent M' Jn° Slaughter

[ ]lisland Parish D' 1721: this Vestry proceeds to
Lay [ ]

To: M': Daniel Taylor Mini[t] for a yeares Sall'y:
16000 lb Tobb: & Conveniency to Ditto: accord-
ing to Law 800 16800

To: Cakes to Ditto: according to the Vestryes Agree-
ment for Deficiency of the Glebe 8 p: Cent is 01280

To: M' Francis: Cooke Cla'k of y' Parish for a yeares
Sallary 1500 & Cakes to Ditto at 8 p' C' & Con-
veniency to di[ ] 01695
To: Henry Holdcraft Cle’k of the: Vestry for a years Sall’y 500 & Cæke to Ditto at 8 p’ Cen’ 00540
To: Walter Wood Saxton of y’ Upp’ Church: his years Sall’y 500 & Cæk to Ditto 40 00540
To: Francis: Shoemaker: Saxton of the Lower Church for a yeares Sall’y 500 & Cæke to Ditto 40 00540
To: M’ Daniell Taylor Minijter for 2 delinqu” Returned John Langford & Fras Harman 00156
To: M’ John Doran Sherif & Laft yeares Collect’ his Acco’ Adjusted & Allowed 00234
To: Majo’: John Thornetons: Fees allowed 00094
To: Cap’: John Hockaday his Charge for being An Evidence for the Parijh allowed 00223
To: Thomas Baker his Charge for being An Evidence for the Parijh allowed [ * ]
To: Thomas Fijher his Order for being An Evidence for y” Parijh allowed [ * ]
To: William Fijher his Order for Attend” being An Evidence for y” Parijh 00648
To: Rich”: Halffield for being An Evidence for y” Parijh Ord’ attendce 00228
To: John: Eaton Dep’ Sherrf of James City County his Fees allowed [ * ]
To: Rich”: Baker Carpenter his account adjusted and allowed in all [ * ]
To: Cap’: William Kenney Churchwarden his Acco’ Allowed [ * ]
To: Cap’: Nicholas Aldersey Churchwarden his accoun’ allowed [ * ]
To: Nathane” Norris for his Wifes yeares Maintainance 800 & Cæke to Do 64 00864
To: M’: David Holt for Keeping Tho Salmon a year 850 & Cæke to Ditto 68 00918
*Figures illegible.—C. G. C.
To: Bryan Henry for his yeares Maintainance 850 & Case to Ditto 68 00918
To: Cap': Kenney Churchwarden for paying Wm Brewin for Keeping Jn° Pethwood a year & [ † ] [ * ]
   To Sall'y to Receive 31070¹ Tobb at 5 p' Cent is 01553

Totall Deb' is 326[*]

Credit ut Supra
By: One half of Francis Shoemakers bond for his Daughters fine 250¹
By: 532 Titheables at 61¹ of Tobbacco p': pole is 32452
By: 79¹ of Tobbacco the Surplus to be p' the Parish Next year 79

Cap': Nicholas Aldersey & Cap': William Kenney: Churchwardens are hereby Discharged from their f' Off[ ] And M' William Cox & M' William Morris are appointed Churchwardens in their Stead and [ ] Sworne accordingly: before Cap' Will° Kenney a Majoritate of this County

It is Ordered by this Present Vestry that the Churchwardens take C[ ] to Agree With Some perf[ ] & Maintain him for the [ ] and that what they shall agree for [ ]

[2]

It is Ordered by this Present Vestry that: the Parish Levy for this p'Jent year be: Sixty One pou[ ] of Tobbacoe p' pole and that: M' John Doran Depu° Sheriff of this County Collect the Said su[ ] of Sixty & One poundes of Tobbacoe from Every Individuall Titheable person Within

†Word illegible.—C. G. C.
*Figures illegible.—C. G. C.
[ ] Parish and upon Refusal of Payment to Levy the Same by Diestrejs: The Sth Sherriff first Entering into Bond With Good & Sufficient Security to the present Churchwarden of this parish for Payment of the Said Tobaccoes to the Several Respective Parish Creditors beforementioned to Whome it is Due: in hh's of Such weightes and at Such times as the Sth Churchwardens Shall Direct and appoint And that the Clark of the Vestry Take Bond as aforejaid before he Deliver Copies of the Parish Charge and of this Order of Vestry to the Sth Collector

Test: Hen': Holdcraft Clk Vestry

At: A: Vestry: held for Blisland Parish: At the Brick Church: the: 10th: day of Octob': 1722:

P'sent: M': Dan': Taylor: Minij't': M' William: Cox: 
& M': Will': Morris: Churchwardens 
Majo': John: Thornton Cap': Nich'd: Aldersey 
M': John Sclater Cap: John Arim JKhead & Henry Holdcraft 

Vestrymen

This Vestry Proceeds to Lay the Parish Levy 1722 Blisland Parish D':
To: M' Dan': Taylor Minij't': for A yeares Sall'y: 
According to Law 16000
To: CaJke: to Ditto: Allow for the Deficiency of y's 
Glebe: 1280: & Conveniency to dit 02080
To: Francis Cooke Clarke of the Parish for a yeares 
Sall'y: 1500 & CaJk & Conv to dit: 01695
To: Henry: Holdcraft Clarke of the Vestry for a 
yeares Sall'y 500 & CC. to ditto 00565
To: Walter Wood Saxton for a years Sallry With 
CaJke 540 00540
To: Fras: Shoemaker Saxton: for a yeares Sallry 00540
With Caʃke 540
To: M': Dan' Taylor for 4 Delinqu" Returned: Al-
lowed 00324
To: Majo' Thorntons for Clerkes Fees Allowed 00080
To: M' John Doran Late Collect': for 2: delinqts Re-
turned Allowed 00162
To Cap': Will": Kenney for Clerkes fees pª by him in
James City Laʃt year 00371
To Henry Holdcraft: for 219¹ Tobbacco pª Geo":
Weldy: an Evidence laʃt year 00219
To: Bryan: Henry: for his yeares Maintainance 850
& Caʃke to Ditto 68 00918
To: M': Will": Cox Churchwarden his account al-
lowed: £ 1—0=8 Tobbacco 00207
To: Quittrents for the Glebe land for yª yeares 1721:
& 1722: to M' Jnº Doran 00048
To: M': Will": Morris Churchwarden his acco¹: Ad-
justed & Allowed With Caʃke 01506
To: Bryan Henry for Keeping Tho: Salmon 6
moneths With Caʃke Included 00459
To: Bryan Henry for Charge & trouble Attending
The: Sª Salmon in Sicknes & his buryall 00194
To: Nathaniel Norris: for his Wifes Maintaince &
for her buryall 432: With Caʃke Included Or-
dered to be paid to Henry Holdcraft: for Nec-
efsaryes he: furniʃhed yª With 00432
To: Richard Warren: for his Assistance Towards the
Cure of his Sore Legg & CC 01130
To: Bryan Henry for Keeping Lucey Gilles his
Grandaughter a year 00300
To: Sall'y: for Receiveing 27770 pounds of Tobbaco
at 5 p' Cent 1388 01388

29158
It is Ordered by this present Vestry: that the Parish Levy for this present year be fifty & three poundes of Tobbacco p' pole And that M': John Doran Dep' Sheriff of this County Collect the S^4 Summ of Fifty & three poundes of Tobbaccoe from Every Individuall Titheable perjon Within this Parish And upon: Refusal of Payment: to Levy the Same by Distrejs: The S^4 Sherrif firft Entring into Bond: With Good & Sufficient Security to y* Present Churchwardens of this Parish for for payment of the S^4 Tobbaccoes: To the Severall Respective Parish Creditto' before men- tioned To: Whome it is Due in hh^" of Such Waigntes And at Such Times as the S^4 Churchwarden[ ] Shall Direct & Appoint: And that the Clerke of the Vestry Take Bond as aforesaid Before he Deliver Copys of the Parish Charge And this Order of Vestry to y* S^4 Collector

Teft Hen': Holdcraft Cl'k of y* Vestry

[4]
At: A: Vestry held for Blisland: Parish: At the Brick Church: October: y* 11^th: 1723

P'fent M' Daniel Taylor Minister: and: M' Will Morris Churchward
NEW KENT COUNTY, VIRGINIA, 1721-1786

Majo': John: Thornton
Cap': Geo': Keeling
M': John: Sclater
Cap': Richard: Richardson

Cap': Nicholas: Aldersey
Cap': John: Armistead
Henry: Holdcroft

Vejtrymen

Blijl*: Parish D*: 1723
This: present Vejtry proceeds to Lay the Parish Levy.
(Viz')

To: M' Daniel Taylor Minijte' for a years: Sall'y: 16000
To: Cake to Ditto: instead of a Glebe by the Vejtrys agreeem'
01280
To: Conveniencey to Ditto According to Law 00800
To: Francis Cooke: Clk': of y' Parish for a yeares
Sall'y 1500 & CC to ditto 01695
To Henry Holdcroft: Cl'k of Vejtry: for a yeares
Sall'y 500 & CC to Dito 00565
To: Walter: Wood Saxton: his yeares Sall'y: 500 &
Cake to Do & a brush 00560
To: Francis Shoemaker: Saxton his yeares Sall'y 500
& Cake 40 00540
To: M' Dan' Taylor for 5 Delinq" Returned Viz'
Gideon Cumbo: Thomas: Evans: William Dowde
& Rich' Gilmett 2 00265
To: M' John Doran late Collecto': for 4 delinq" Re-
turnd Viz' John: Evans: William Filbeach: John
Wajher & Negro: Alice: Lifted by him 00212
To: Majo': John Thornton for Copy of Lijtes of
Titheables 40
To: Bryan Henry for his years Maintainance: With
Cake 918
To: M': William Cox Churchwarden his Acco': Al-
lowed at 12/6 p' 312
To: M' William Morris Churchwarden his Account
allowed 325
To: M' John Doran late Collector his accot & for Glebe la$t *[y's qtr'] 104
To: Bryan Henry for Keeping Lucey Gill 400
To: Rebecca farthing for Keeping John Pethwood a year: With Ca$k 756
To: Docto': Rob': Burbidg: his acco': abou' Jone Corbett allowed 640
To: M"* Frances Langley for Keeping Jone Corbet: 4 Months & 3 Weeks 760
To: Richard Waren for: his yeares Maintainance 400
To: M': Doran: for Keeping Reuben Laton & En-deavo' to Cure his Legg one year 200
To: Sall'y: for: 26772: pounds of Tobbaccoe at 5 p' Cent is 1338
To: M' Doran Collector for Tobbacco: Wanting La$t year to pay y' Par Deb' 141

Totall is 28251

Credit utt Supra
By: 542 Titheables at 52 pounds Tobb p' pole is 28184
By: Tobbacco: Wanting to pay the Parish Deb' to be Ra$ed Next year 00067

28251

on the Other Side

[5]
M': William Cox and M': William Morris late Churchwardens are hereby Discharged: from their Said Office: And Cap'': John Arim$tead & Henry Holdcroft are hereby Apointed Churchwardens for this parish and are Sworne accordingly before Cap'': Richard Richardson: a Majestrate of this County

*These two abbreviations were difficult to read. I may not have read them correctly.—C. G. C.
It is Ordered by this p'ient Vestry that the Parish Levy: for this present year be Fifty & Two: poundes of Tobbacco: p': pole: And that Mr John Doran Deputy Sherrif of this County: Collect the Said Sum of fifty & two poundes Weight of Tobbacoe from Every Individual: Titheable Person Within this Parish: And upon Refusal of Payment: to Levy the Same by Distress: according to Law: The Sr Doran first Entering into Bond With Good & Sufficient Security to the present Churchwardens of this parish for the Use of the parish: for payment of the Said Summes of Tobbacco to the Several Respective parish Creditors beforementioned to Whome it is Due: in hogsheds — of Such Weights & at Such times as the Said Churchwardens Shall Direct & Appoint: And also Ordered that the Clerk of the Vestry take Bond as aforesaid before he Deliver a Copie of the parish Charge and Copy of this Order of Vestry to the Said Collector

Test: Henry: Holdcroft: Cl'k Vestry

[6]

At A Vestry held for Blifland Parish at y' Brick Church: June: 12th: 1724

P'ient

Mr: Daniel Taylor Minift' Cap': John Arimstead and Henry Holdcroft Churchward'

Major John: Thornton  M' John; Sclater  Veftrymen
Cap': George: Keeling  M': Will: Cox
Cap': Richard: Richardson  M': William Morris
Cap': Wm': Kenney

This p'ient Vestry proceeds to Lay out this Parish into p'cincts: in Order to have the Tobbacco: plants Numbred According to y' Late Law for the more Effectuall Improving the Staple of Tobacco.
It is Ordered by this present Vestry That from the head of the Northwet branch of Ware Creeke Down the Swamp to Holdcrofts Mill and from thence to the Extent of the Parish Downwards be One precinct: And from thence to: M' Coxes Mill Creeke: Another p'cinct: And from M': Coxes Mill Creeke to the Main Road: that Leades from Christoph' Barretts Landing to the Extent of the County Backwards Leaveing Lenleys Plantation in the Lower p'cinct Another: And from the Said Road to the Extent of the Said Parish Upwards Another p'cinct

Cap': Richard Richardjon And M' William Morris are Appointed to Examine & Enquire of the Names and Number of the persons (in the Lower precinct of of this County (Which are Allowed by the S' Recited Act of Assembly) to tend Tobacco). And the Cropps of the Severall Planters Within the Said precinct: And the Number of Plants Growing on any or Every plantation or Plantations Within the Same: Sometime in the Moneth of July yearly: And that the persons hereby Appointed Doe take the Oath Appointed by the S' Act of Assembly: before they proceed to Execute this Order

M' Dan': Allen & M' John Keen: Are hereby Appointed to Examine & Enquire of the Names & Number of the persons: in their Precinct: which is Between Ware Creeke and M': Coxes Mill Creeke: (Which are Allowed by the S' Recited Act of Assembly: to tend Tobacco) And the Cropps of the Severall Planters Within the Said Precinct and the Number of Plants Growing on any or Every Plantation or Plantations Within the Same Some time in the Moneth of July yearly And that y' Persons hereby appointed Doe take the Oath appointed by the Said Act of Assembly before the proceed to Execute this Order

[7]

M': Richard Clough and M' Roger Williams are hereby Appointed to Examine & Enquire of the Names and Num-
ber: of the persons in their Precinct wch is (between M' Coxes Mill Creeke and the Main Road that Leades from Christopher Barretts Landing to the Extent of the County Backwards Leaving Lendleyes Plantation in the Lower Precinct) Which are Allowed by the Said Recited Act of Assembly: to tend Tobbaccoe And the Cropps: of the Several Planters: Within the Said Precinct and the Number of Plants Growing on Any or Every Plantation or Plantations Within the Same Some time in the Moneth of July Yearly: And that the persons hereby appointed doe take the Oath appointed by the Said Act of Assembly before they proceed to Execute this Order

Cap*: John Fofter and Peter Carpenter are Appointed to Examine: & Enquire of the Names and Number of the persons in their precinct (Which is from the Main Road Which Leades from Christopher Barretts Landing to the Extent of this parrish Upward) Which are Allowed by the Said Recited Act of Assembly to tend Tobbaccoe: And the Croppes of the Severall Planters Within their Said Precinct: And the Number of Plantes Growing on Any or Every Plantation or Plantations Within the Same Some time in the Moneth of July Yearly: And that the Persons hereby Appointed: Doe take the Oath Appointed by the Said Act of Assembly before they proceed to Execute this Order

Text: Henry Holdcroft Cl'k: Vejtry

[8]
At: A Vejtry held for Blijland Parijh: At the Lower Church: y*: 5th: day of October Annoque: Domini 1724

Present
M*: Daniel Taylor: Minijter: Cap*: John Arimstead: & Henry Holdcroft: Churchwardens
This Present: Vesty: Proceedes to Lay the Parish Levy Blijl\textsuperscript{a} Parish 1724 D' Tobbacco

To: M' Daniel Taylor Minister for A yeares Sall'y:
16000 Tobb: & Conveniency to ditto 16800

To: Ca\textsubscript{a}ke to Ditto instead of A Glebe by the Vesty: Agreement at 8 p\textsuperscript{o} Cent: 01280

To: Francis Cooke Cl'ke of the Parish for a yeares Sall'y 1500 & Ca\textsubscript{a}ke & Conveny to ditto 01695

To: Henry: Holdcroft: Clerke of the Vesty: for a yeares Sall'y 500: & Ca\textsubscript{a}ke & Conveny to ditto 00565

To: Francis Shoemaker Saxton of the Lower Church a yeares Sall'y 500 & Ca\textsubscript{a}ke to ditto 40 00540

To: Richard Waren: Saxton of the Upper Church for years Sall'y 500 & Ca\textsubscript{a}ke 40 00540

To: Majo': John Thornton for Copies of the Listes of Titheables 00040

To: Bryan Henry for his yeares Maintainance & Ca\textsubscript{a}ke 00918

To: Bryan Henry for Keepeing Lucey Gill: A Year 00400

To: M' Jn\textsuperscript{o} Doran Late Parish Collector for Tobbacco: Wanting La\textsubscript{a}t year 67 & Quitt' for Glebe 00091

To: Henry Holdcroft: Churchw\textsuperscript{a}: for 3 Comunions 300 & Repairing the Church finding Nailes Planck &\textsuperscript{o} as by his Account Allowed 00473

To: M' Tho: Ballard for John Pethwoods Coffin Allowed 00060

To: Rebecca: Farthing for Keeping John Pethwood 3 moneths & two Weekes 00216

To: Elizabeth: Walton for Keepeing Mary Ogle\textsubscript{b}y 3 Moneths: being a parish Child 00150
To: Richard Jones for a Coffin for Widow Hazelwood

To: M' William Livingstone for Philick & for Keepeing Mary Burke

To: M' John Doran: for: Cureing Sujanna Barker & her Board 3 moneths 1200 and: Cake & Conveniency to Ditto 168 & for Salivateing William Jones 1000 With Cake & Conveniency to Ditto: 140 as p' Churwadens agreemt & 6 Delinqts in

To: M'' Margrett Dibdall for Cureing Benjamin Baitch of a Scald: Head & Keeping him a year in Dye & Cloathes

To: Doctor William Livingstone: for Keepeing Frances Hajewell a bastard Child borne of: his Servant Mary Hajewell: he Giving Bond to Save the Parish: Harmelas & Indemnified from any further Charge abo': the S' Child

To: Sallary to Receiveing: 28048 of Tobbaco at 5 p' Cent is 1402

| 00060 |
| 00200 |
| 02820 |
| 00700 |
| 00500 |
| 01402 |

Totall Parish Deb' is 29450

Credit Utt Supra

By 604: Titheables at 49 pounds of Tobbaco p' pole is 29596

| 29596 |

Ballce Due to the Parish to be allowed by the Collector Next year 146

| 29450 |

[9]

It is Ordered by this Prejent Vejtry that the Parish Levy for this Prejent year be Forty and Nine Poundes of Tobbaco p' pole: And that M' John Doran Deputy Sherriff of this County: Collect the Said: Summ of Forty and Nine
poundes of Tobbacco: from Every Individuall Titheable person: Within this Pariſh and Upon Refuſall of paym't to Levy the Same by Diſtreſs According to Law: the Said John Doran firſt Entring into Bond With Good & Sufficient Security to Henry: Holdcroft: One of the preſent Churchwardens: for the Uſe of the S't Pariſh for the Pay-ment of the Said Summs of Tobbacc[ ] to the Severall Reſpective Pariſh Creditors Above Mentioned to Whome it is due in hhds of Such Weightes and at Such times: as the S't Churchwarden Shall appoint And it is Alsoe Ordered that Henry Holdcroft Clerke of the Veftry: and Churchwarden take Bond as aforeſaid before he Deliver a Copie of the Pariſh Charge and a Copie of this Order of Veftry to the Said Collector 

It: is Ordered by this preſent Veftry that A Veftryman be Chofen for this Pariſh in the Stead of Collon'': William Baſsett Deceafed And M' John Doran being preſent is Chofen A Veftryman: for this pariſh And is Sworne Accordingly before M' John Sclater A Majeſtrate of this County 

Cap': John Armſtead haveing served Laſt year: As Churchwarden of this Pariſh: And Refuſeing to Continue Any Longer in the Said Office: M' John Doran is Ap-pointed Churchwarden in his Stead and is Accordingly Sworne before M' John Sclater A Majeſtrate of this County 

Test: Henry Holdcroft Cl'k of the Veftry 

[10] 

At: A: Veftry held for Bliſland Pariſh: At the Brick Church: the 24th: day of Aprill: 1725: 

P:'jent: 

M' Daniell; Taylor: Miniſt': M': John: Doran & Henry: Holdcroft: Churchwardens

M': George: Woodward: M' Lancelot': Woodward & M': Thomas: Williams: being: Added: to this Ve'ftry by: Directions of the Late Law for the Dissolving of Wilmington Parish & Now Appearing: are Sworne Accordingly: before Cap' John Armistead A Justice of this County


M' Lancelott: Woodward: & M' Thomas: Williams: are Appointed to View & Count the Tobbacco: plants in: all that precinct: Which: Was Lately: Wilmington Parish (and is Now Added to this parish) of Blisland by the S\textsuperscript{4} Recited Law for the Dissolving of Wilmington Parish and that the S\textsuperscript{4} Williams and Woodward: Doe Take the Oaths appointed by the Said Act (of Assembly: Entitled an act for the More Effectuall: Improving the Staple of Tobacco): before: they: Enter Upon the Execution of that Office


Dead before it was bound out apprentice According to the Said Agreem*: it is therefore Ordered that the Said Living-\linebreak tone be paid Only Three hundred poundes of the Said Tobbacco: for the Trouble & Charge in Keeping the S\textsuperscript{a} Child While\linebreak jt Lived: and his trouble & Charge about burying it

Elizabeth The Wife of Evan Jones: Complaing to this Ve\textsuperscript{y}try for Relief: & Shewing that her hu\textsuperscript{b}band: Nott being: of Sound Mind: but oftentimes: Disturbed With fitts of Lunacy & Distraction: and that She hath three Small Children to Maintain: And hath Not any Bread Corne: Nor hath Noe Way to purchase Any Su\textsuperscript{t}tenance: for her S\textsuperscript{a} Hu\textsuperscript{b}band Self & Children: It is Therefore Ordered by this present Ve\textsuperscript{y}try: that M\textsuperscript{r}: John Doran: the Late Parijh Collector Doe pay the Summ of 151 poundes of Tobb being: the Ballance of the five hundred pounds of Tobbacco: Rai\textsuperscript{d}ed La\textsuperscript{st} year: for putting out Mary Haf\textsuperscript{e}wells Ba\textsuperscript{t}ard Child: after the three hundred paid to M\textsuperscript{r} Living\textsuperscript{t}one: & Some part of Evan Joneses Levyes: Which Was in Arrear: be paid: that then the S\textsuperscript{a} 151 be paid: towards the Relieving the Said Jones & family With Corne: And it is further Ordered that the Churchwardens of this parijh Doe Bind Out the Said Evan Joneses Children: as the Law Directs: for Poor pari\textsuperscript{h} Children: &cr to be provided for

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It: is Ordered: by this present Ve\textsuperscript{y}try that: Anne Leaver: the baje Daughter of Mary Leaver Deceajed: being Now a Parijh Charge: And Cannot as yett be Certainly Known Whether Shee the Said Ba\textsuperscript{t}ard Child be A Mullatto: or Not:) be: Bound Out: to M\textsuperscript{r} Roger Williams to Serve him or his A\textsuperscript{s}ignes as the Law in that Ca\textsuperscript{f}e Directs: for Children in Such Ca\textsuperscript{f}es and under Such Circum\textsuperscript{t}ances as that shall hereafter appear to be Lyable Unto: Whether it Shall prove hereafter to be a White Child or a Mulatto: And this Ve\textsuperscript{y}try Agrees With the Said Roger Williams to Rai\textsuperscript{f}e &
pay him for his Charge and trouble in Keepeing and Maintaining the Said Child: from being any further Chargeable to this pari\h Dureing the time of the Said Childs Service or Apprenticeship: the Sum\n of Seven hundred pounds of Tobbacco & Ca\ke at the Laying of the Next Pari\h Levy—The Said Roger Williams Giveing Bond & Security: before he Receives the Said 700\n of Tobbacco & Ca\ke: for his performance of his Said Agreement: and this Ve\stry further agrees With the S\a Roger Williams that inca\e the Said ba\ard Child Should Live Untill She attain to Lawfull age and Then: Shall be Lawfully Entitled to Demand & have Freedom Corne & Cloathes that then & In Such Cae\: that this Pari\h Shall & Will find & pro\ide Corne & Cloathes for her according as the Law in that Cae\ Directs

Martha: Goodin: A poor Woman: being Under a De\ploreable Affliction: With A Sore Legg and is thereby un\capeable of Getting her Livelyhood: haveing Applyed her Self to \y Churchwardens of this Pari\h for Relief: It is therefore Agreed: Between this Ve\stry in behalf of this pari\h: and M\ John Doran: as Followes: Viz\#: The Said Doran hath this day Undertaken to Cure the Said Martha of her Ailement: & Sore Legg: And is To have for his trouble & Charge: about the Said Cure and for Maintaining the Said Martha at his Own Co\tes & Charge: Whilst She is Under the Said Cure: the Sum\n of Fifteen hundred poundes of Tobbacco & Ca\ke to be Rai\ed & paid him at the Laying of the Next Pari\h Levy: But inca\e the Said Martha Should Dye before Shee be perfectly Cured: Then & in that Cae\ the Said Doran: Agrees to have Only Six hundred po\l] ndes of Tobbacco: & Ca\ke for his trouble & Charge about the S\a Martha: to be Rai\ed & paid as afore\said: And the Said Doran Agrees With this Ve\stry: to Save this Pari\h hameles: & Indemnified from any Further or Other Charges or Expence What\ever about the
Said Martha: for & dureing the term & Space of One year from the Date here of: and further that he the Said Doran before the Said fifteen hundred poundes of Tobbacco be Raijed & paid to him he will Give Bond & Security to: the Churchwardens: that incase the Said Martha: be Not perfectly Cured & Well: at the End of the Said year Now Enjueing: And the Said fifteen hundred poundes of Tobbacco: beforementioned: is then all or the Mojt part there-of paid: to the Said Doran: that then & in that Caje that he will Refund and Repay to the Veftry for the UJe of this Parijh Nine hundred pounds of Tobbaccoe & Cafke or Soe Much as he Shall have Received: More then Six hundred & Cafke Which is Agreed he Shall have for his Charge & trouble: incase of her the Said Marthas death as aforesd or: being Endeavoured With: & Not Cured at the Expiracon of One year as aforesaid

Test: Henry: Holdcroft: Clk Veftry Blifl^d Parijh

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At: A: Veftry: held: for Blijland: Parijh: y*: thirteenth day of: October: At the Brick Church: 1725:

Pʃent:

This: Preʃent: Veftry Proceedes to Lay the Parijh Levy —Viz' Blijl^d: Parijh D' 1725
To: M' Daniel Taylor: Minift': for A yeares Sall'y 16000
To: Cafke to Ditto: as p': Veftrys agreement: for y* Deficiency of y* Glebe: 1200 01280
To: Conveniency: to y* Ministers Sall’y according to Law at 5 p’ C*: is 00800
To: Francis: Cooke: Clark of y* Parish & yeares Sall’y 1500 & Caßke & Conveniency to ditto 01695
To: Henry Holdcroft Cle’k of: this Veťtry for a years Sall’y: 500 Tobb & Caßke & Conv to ditto 00565
To: Richard Warren: for his Sall’y: being Saxton of the Upp’: Church: 500 " Tobb & Caßk 00540
To: Francis Shoemaker: Deceased for 8 monthes being Saxton of y* Lower Church & Caßk 00360
To: Evan Robards for being Saxton at y* Lowe’ Church: 4 moneths & Caßke Included 00180
To: Bryan: Henry for his yeares Maintainence & Caßke allowed him to it in all 00918
To: Bryan Henry for Keeping Lucey Gill his Grand-daught’r: 1 yea’ 00400
To: John Doran for Cureing Martha Goodings deceajd of a Sore legg as: p’ the Veťtrys agreement 1500 Tobb & CC to ditto 01695
To: Majo’: Thornton Clerke of the Court: for: his Copyes Lift Tithes & Fees: in Suit vs mary Field 00170
To: Henry Holdcroft: Churchwarden: his account: adjujted & Allowed: 00610
To: M’ John Doran: Churchward: Late parish Collecto’ for 21 Titheables Delinquen’ Returned 01029
To: M’ Doran: For: 2 Sherriffs: Fees Verjus Field & Stranger at Gaddyes 00040
To: Docto’’: John Brody: for Phijick & Attendance: for Jone Corbett: 700 Tobb & Caßke 00756
To: Ditto Brody for Salavateeing Richard Gillmett: & Eman”’: Demetrius by The: Agreement of M’ John Doran: Churchwarden 1000: but: y* later Not Cured 01000
To: Sarah Smallepage for her: Last yeares Maintenance 500 Tobb & Csfke 00540
To: John: Laffoon: for: his Maintenance this En ensuing yea' 300: & 74: Arrears Not paid in Willmington Par^ih Last Year allowed him 00374
To: M' William: Browne Late Churchwarden of Willmington p'jh his proporcon of arrears allow'd 00071
To: Ditto: for 2 delinq' Returned. Viz': Peter Jennings & 1 Overcharged Len Henley 0106
To: M' Will: M'Kain: for Arrears being Clark of Willming p'jh Last year 0248
To: Mofes Crawford for arreares: of his Sall'y: in Wilmton p'jh Last year 0074
To: M': Roger Williams: for: takeing: Anne Lever: Abajtard Childe of Mary Lever: Deceajed as by his agreement With the Ve^ry to: Keep the Said Child from being a parijh Charge 0756
To: Sall'y for Receiveng 30207 poundes of Tobbacco at 5 p' Cent for y^ Collector 1510

Parijh Charge Totall: Sum 31717

Blißland Parijh Creditt Utt Supra
By Surplus Tobbacco in M' Dorans y^ last Collecto'' hands to be p^ Now this ye'
By: 43¹¹: & ½¹¹ of Tobbacco: p' pole on 726 Tithe-ables amoun'' to

31581

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In y^ Collectors hands—By: 10¹¹ of Tobb. Surplus to be p^ Nex^ year Reduct

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The Names of the Delinquents Returned by M' John Doran late Collector: are as follows: Viz:

Francis Harman: 1; Edward Henry: 2; Richard Gillmett: 1; Rob' Lockalere: 1; Owen Morris: 1; Edw' Merritt: 1; Joseph Darling: 2; Henry Crutchley: 1; Matt Pond: 1; William Jones: 1; Henry: Lindley: 1; Jn*: Holland: 1; Charles: Oglesby: 1; Franck Darling: 1; Sarah Yates: 1; Rob': Clinch: 1; Jn*: Rountree: 1; John James: 1; Susan Anna Darling: 1:

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On: the Petition of Mojes Crawford: for the Office of Saxton: of one of the Churches in this Parish: It: is: Considered: & Accordingly Ordered that the S'd Mojes be Admitted Saxton of the Lower Church in this Parish & that he be allowed: Annually the Summ' of three hundred poundes of Tobbaccoe and Cake for the S'd Service:

Joseph: Linsey: Petitioning: this Vestry: to Discharge: him from paying Levies for his Lame Negroe Man Called:
Toby: It is Ordered that the Said Toby be: Discharged from Parijh Levy during his: debility

Richard: Waren: on his Petition: Setting forth that he is Lame & Unable to Labour for his Liveing & only Desiring to be Levy free: it is Ordered that he be Discharged from paying Parijh Levies Untill he Recovered of his S^a Lame-nes

Richard Hatfield Son of Richard Hatfield: a poor Distressed person: on his petition is is Discharged from Paying Parijh Levys: Untill it Shall please God to Restore him to his health that he be able to Gett his living

It: is Ordered by this present Vestry: that the: Rent of the Glebe: plantation Which Was Lately added to this Parijh: be Collected by the Church wardens: and applied: Towards the Maintainance: & Cure of Emanuel Demetrius a poor Distressed Person belonging to this Parijh

Whereas: there: appeares Due to the Parijh: from Mr John Doran: the Sumn: of Twenty: Shillings On the Balance of: his Cash account: as being One of the Churchwardens of this parijh: It is Ordered that the S^a Twenty Shillings Cash be paid to Henry Holdcroft: Churchwardn: for the Use & hurt done to a Small Feather bed he provided for Martha Goodin: While She was Under her Cure: When She was Under her Cure

It is: Ordered by this: present: Vestry that the Parijh Levy for this present year be Forty three & an half pounds Weight of Tobbaccoe p^: pole: and that Mr John James Deputy Sheriff of this County: Collect & Receive the S^a Sum of: Forty three and one half pounds Weight of Tobbacco: from Every Individuall: Titheable: person Within this Parijh: and on Refusal of payment To Levy the Same by dijtrefs according to Law: The S^a: John James first Entering in to bond with Good and Sufficient Security: to the present Churchwardens: for the Use of this Parijh: for payment of the Said Severall Summes
of Tobbacoe to the Several Respective parish Creditors to Whome it is Due: according as they are: above mentioned & Expres'd in the: parish: Charge: in hh's of Such Weightes and at Such Times as the Sth Churchwardens Shall Direct & appoint: And it is alsoe Ordered that the Clerke of the Vestry: take bond as aforesaid: before he Deliver a Copy of: the Parish Charge and a Copie of this Order of Vestry to the Sth Collector

It is Ordered: by this p'sent: Vestry that: Henry Holdcroft & John Doran be Continued Church wardens for this ensuing year

Teft: Henry: Holdcroft: Cl'k of y': Vestry

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At: A Vestry held for: Blisland: Parish: At the Lower Church December y's 22d: 1725:

P'sent:
M': Daniel Taylor Minist're: M'. Henry Holdcroft & M' John Doran: Church wardens

Cap': George: Keeling: [Cap': William: Kenney]
M': John: Sclater: [M': Thomas: Williams}

Whereas M': John: James: Who: was Appointed Collector of the Parish Levy for this p'sent Year is Lately Deceased: And hath: done Very Little (if any part) of the Parish Collection: And M': John Doran: Acquainting this Vestry that he: hath Agreed With Cap': William Macon Sherriff of this County: to Serve: as Deputy Sherriff of this Lower precincts: thereof: and having applied him'self to this Vestry for the Parish Collection: And the Parish Levy Laid: at the Last Vestry held for this Parish: the thirteenth day of October Last *and amou[ ] To: the Summ of Forty three poundes

*This word is scratched through in the MS but is still legible.—C. G. C.
and One half pound Weight of Tobbacco: p'': pole as by the
Said Order May appear: It is therefore Ordered by this
present Vestry: That y's S'd M': John Doran Doe Collect &
Receive the Sum of Forty three & one half poundes: Weight
of Tobbacco: from: Every Individuall Titheable perfon Within
this Parish and Upon Refuʃaall of payment to Levy the Same
by Diʃtreʃs (according to Law): the Said Doran firʃt Entring
into bond With good and Sufficient: Security: to Henry Hold-
croft: Church warden: For the Use of the Parish for the
due Payment: of y's Said Summs of Tobbacoe: to the Severall
Respective Parish Creditors: to Whome it is due and: accord-
ing: as it is: Ordered & Appointed to be paid: by the S'd Recited
Order of the Laʃt Veʃtry and to pay the Same in hh'a of Such
Weightes and at Such times as the Said (Holdcroft) Church
warden Shall: Direct & Appoint: And: the S'd Holdcroft:
Clerke of the Veʃtry: Take bond and Security as aforeʃaid be-
fore he Deliver a Copy of the Parish Charge & Copy of this
Order of Veʃtry to the S'd Collector

M': William: Liveingʃtone Complaining to this Veʃtry:
That Whereas: the Veʃtry of this Parish by their Order Dated
the: fifth day of October 1724: did Order & Raiʃe the Summ of
five hundred poundes of Tobbacoe: for: Undertakeing to
Keep: a baʃtard Child of Mary Haʃwells, and to Give Bond to
Save the Parish Indemnified: from any further Charge about
the S'd Child: and the S'd Child Dyeing before: the S'd Bond was
Given: the Said Liveingʃtone Was only paid 300' poundes of: the
S'd 500': p's of Tobbacco: upon Conʃideration thereof It is
Ordered that the S'd Liveingʃton be allowed & paid two hundred
poundes of Tobbacco to be Raiʃed and paid at the Laying of the
Next parish Levys

Cap': John Arimʃtead: On his Motion: Offering to the
Veʃtry that: incaʃe the Veʃtry Wold: Grant him an Order.
for a Pew in the: Brick Church of this parish for himʃelf and:
his familyes use: That himʃelf and his Wife Wold: forthwith:
— Make & Execute: Good authentique Deedes of Sale or any Legall Conveyances: To the Vegtry or Church wardens of the Parijh: for the Parijhes uje: Two Acres of Land: Wheron the S° Brick Church Now Standes: And the Vegtry Considering thereof have thought fit to Refferrit for a Fuller Vegtry: to: Resolve about the Said: affair:

Copia: Tef't Henry: Holdcroft Clk Vegtry

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At A Vegtry held for Blijland Blijland Parijh at the Brick Church June 24th: 1726

P'ent:
M° Daniel Taylor Minister Henry: Holdcroft
John: Doran Churchwardens

Cap°: Geo°: Keeling M°: Geo°: Woodward
Cap°: Rich°: Richardjon M°: Thomas: Williams Vegtrymen

This Vegtry: proceeds to: Appoint Viewers & Tellers to Examine & Enquire of the Names & Number of Persons in this Parijh allowed by Law to plant & Tend Tobbacco: and Forasmuch as the Parijh hath been already Laid out into Convenient precincts: and the Several Persons Which have been already appointed & have Served are all Continued in their Sevuall precincts: Only M° John Keen Who is unwilling to Serve any long in that Office: Benjamin Richardjon therefore is appointed in his Stead in the Same p'cinct With M° Daniel Allen & Ordered that he be Sworne accordingly before he Enter upon the Execution of that Office

M° Richard Clough being Removed out of this Parijh M° David Williams is appointed a teller in his Stead along With his Brother M° Roger Williams And it is Ordered that he be Sworn Accordingly before he Enter into the Said Office
M' Peter Carpenter being Lately Deceased: Was a Teller of Tobacco in the Upper p'cincts of this Parijh: With M' William Harman: M' John Luck on his Motion is appointed a Teller in the Stead of the Said Peter Carpenter and it is Ordered that he be Sworne according to Law before he proceed in the Said Office

Teft: Henry: Holdcroft

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At: a Veftry: held for Blijland Parijh: the 12th: day of October: 1726: At M' Furneas Ordinary

P'fent
M' Daniel: Taylor: Mjnijt': Henry: Holdcroft & John Doran Church wardens
Cap': George: Keeling: M': John: Slater:
Cap': Rich': Richardjon: M': William: Morris:
Cap': Will: Kenney: M': George: Woodward
Cap': John: Arimjtead M': Lancel': Woodward
M': William: Cox M': Thomas: Williams

Vestrymen
This: Veftry proceeds to Lay the Parijh Levy Tobbacco
To: M': Daniel: Taylor Mjnijt' for a yeares Sall'y 16000
To: Cajke to Ditto: as p': y* Veftryes Agreement: for the deficiency of the Glebe 01280
To: Conveniency: to Ditto according to Law at 5 p' Cent 0800
To M' Francis: Cooke: Clarke of the Parijh for a yeares Sall' 1500 & C C to ditto 1695
To: Henry: Holdcroft: Clerke of the Veftry for a yeares Sall'y 500: & Caske & Conveniency to do 565
To: Mojes Crafford Saxton of the Lower Church for his yeares: Sall'y: by agreem' 300
To: Richard: Waren: Saxton of y* Upp' Church: for a yeares Sall'y: 500 & Caske to ditto 540
To: Bryan: Henry for his yeares Maintain**: and Caske & Conveniency to Ditto 918
To Bryan Henry: for: Keeping Lucey Gilles & his Granddaughter a year 400
To: Majo' John Thornton: his Clerkes Fees: in these
   Following Suites Viz': the Par vs Langly & Gaddy & Cousins: Mackormack: Jammejon & for 2 Lists of Titheables 208
To: M' John: Doran Late Collecto': for: 16: delinquents: & an Order: for M': Levingtones 200 & the Quittrents of the: Old Glebe Land: in all amounting to 912
To: Henry Holdcroft: Church warden his Accou': Adjusted & Allowed 639½
To: John Laffoon: for his yeares Maintenance allowed by the Parish 300
To: Sarah: Smallpage Allowed for her yeares Maintenance 500: & Caske to ditto 40
To: M’ Daniel: Taylor: Minift’ for 15: Delinquen*: Returned: Which y’ Sherrif p’ him 652½
To: Joseph Hawkins for Keeping Hannah Hopkins: a lame Woman 6 monthes: p’ ord": 300
To: M’ Archer Clerke of James County Court: for Copie of List tithes Last year & this year 40
To: Henry: Holdcroft Churchwar’d to pay Quittrents for 2 yeares for the Glebe land in Ja City County 96
To: Collon": John: Scott: in part of his Agreement: for y’ Cure of Eliza: Barker 550
To: Mary: Shelbourn: Allowed Towards Maintenance of her lame Daught Mary Shelbourn: Who is Soe afflicted She Cannot Gett her liveing: to be putt into the hands of Henry: Holdcroft to: lay out in Meat for her 300
To: Sall' for Receiveing 27036½ Tobbaco: att 5 p' 1351
Cent to be for Collecto'

Totall Parish Debt is 28387

Credit Utt Supra

By: 40½ Tobbaco: p': p' pole on: 714 28560
Titheables:

By: M' John Doran Late Collecto': due 10
   Last year

   28570

By: 183½: of Tobbaco: the Surplus
Now Levyed: the Collecto' to pay Next year

Henry Holdcroft & John Doran late Church wardens are
Discharged from their Said Office: And Cap': Rich': Richard-
Jon & M'. John Sclater: are Appointed Churchwardens: in their
Stead: And Was Sworne accordingly: before M': William
Morris: A Majestrate

It: is Ordered by this present Vestry that Henry Holdcroft
Gen': Endeavour to Receive & Collect: What Tobbaco is Due
to the parish from the Sundry Delinquents Who did Not pay
their Parish Levies Last year or any year before that Can be
Recovered And be accountable to the Vestry for What Re-
ceived

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It: is Ordered: by this p'joint Vestry: that the Parish Levy
for this p'joint year be: Fourty poundes Weigh' of Tobbacoe:
p': pole: And M' John: Sclater Sherriff of this County: is
Ordered to Collect: and Receive the Said Sumn: of Fourty
poundes Weight of Tobbacoe: from Every Individuall: Tithe-
able person Within this Parish: and on default of payment to
Make Distretfs: for the Same according to: Law: The Said
Sclater: first Entring into bond With Good & Sufficient
Securities to the Other Churchwarden for the UJe of the Said Parish: for payment of the Said: Tobbacoes to the Severall Respective Parish Creditors: above Mentioned: for Whome it is Raised as it is Appointed: & directed by the Parish Charge: In hh's of Such: Weightes and at Such times as the Said Church warden Shall Direct & appoint: And it is Ordered that the Clerk of the Vestry Take: Bond & Security as aforefa before: he deliver a Copy of this Order of Vestry & a Copy of the Parish Charge to the Said Collecto':

Ordered by this Vestry: that on the Complaint of Bryan Henryes Wife: for More allowance for: Keeping Lucey Gilles & being informed that the 4th Child Was More then Ordinary troublesome: they are to be allowed Annually 200 pounds of Tobbaccoe: More then their former allowance

Samuel Curl appearing at this Vestry Did Assume: to pay to M' William Cox: for the UJe of the parish five hundred pounds of Tobbacoe: being for the Rent of the Glebe: Last year 40011 and 100 in part for this present yeares Rent and haveing Given his bill: to the present Churchwardens: for three hundred pounds of Tobbacoe to be Paid Next: year at the Laying of the Parish Levy being the Remainder of the Rent: for this: present year: it being: Let at four hundred pounds Tobbacco p' annum:

William Charleton: on his Motion to this Vestry for pay for his trouble in transporting Elizabeth Barker to Collon11 John Scottes: and for his trouble in Going: to Fetch the 4th Scott Down to See the 4th Ba'ker & to Undertake: her Cure: for Which Service the Vestry: hath Ordered that he be allowed: one hundred pounds of Tobbacoe: to be paid this year of the Tobbacco: Which Was: Now Levyed it Not being: Entred in the Parish Charge

Test Henry: Holdcroft Clk: of y' Vestry
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At: a: Vestry held for Blisland Parish: At the Lower:
Church October: y° 11th: anno Domini: 1727

Present:
Mr Daniel: Taylor: Minister: Cap*: Richard: Richardson:
& Mr: Jn*: Sclater: Church warden

Mr: William Cox
Cap*: Geo*: Keeling
Cap*: Will: Kenney
Mr: William Morris
Mr: Henry: Holdcroft

Mr: Jn*: Armitstead
Mr: Jn*: Doran
Mr: George Woodward
Mr: Lancell*: Woodward
Mr: Vejtrymen

This present Vestry: proceeds to Lay the Parish Levy
Blisland Parish D° 1727

To: Mr: Dan*: Taylor: Minister: for a yeares Sall°
according to Law 16000

To: Cask: to ditto: in stead of a Glebe: by agreem°:
1280°: Tobb: & Conveniency to ditto accord° to
law 02080

To: Francis Cooke Clke of the parish for a yeares
Sall° 1500 & Cask: & Conveniency to ditto 01695

To: Henry: Holdcroft: Clerke of the Vejtry for a
yeares Sall°: 500 & Cask: & Conveniency to ditto 00565

To: Richard: Warren Saxton of the Upp° Church for
a yeares Sall°: 500 & Cask: to ditto 00540

To: Mves Crafford for a yeares Sall° 500 & Caske
40: 00540

To: Dorothy: Henry for Keepeing Lucey Gilles a
year by y° Vejtrys agreem° 00600

To: Dorothy: Henry: for her Keeping her husband
part of the year: 310: & for his buriall 150 00460

To: Mr Richard: Hickman Clerke of James City
County Court: for Copy of a List Titheables 00020
To: Majo': John: Thornton Cl'k: of the Court for: 2
Copies Lijtes of Titheables 00040
To: Collon': John: Scott: the Remainder of the
Tobacco: by y': Ve'Jtrys agreem': for: his
Keepeing & Endeavouring to Cure Elizabeth
Barkers Sore Legg 00450
To: Thomas: Henderson for Makeing two horse-
blockes for y' Upp' Church: & find all things 00250
To: M': Townes for his trouble Keepeing a Strange
Woman traveller Sick at his q'ter 00200
To: Mary: Shelbourn: for help towards her Main-
tainance Allowed 00200
To: M' John: Doran for his trouble & Charge about
the Cure of Eman'Demetrius according to the
Church wardens agreem' in Writeing dated the
15th of augst 1727: M' Doran Giveing bond to
perform the Said agreemt 2000 & Ca'k 02160
To: M' Rich': Richardjon Churchwarden for 3 Com-
munions 300': & Mending Windows 00355
To: Sall': to Collecting 26155': of Tobb at 5 p' Cent:
is 01308

Totall Sum Parish Deb' is 27463

Utt Supra C'
By: M' Henry Holdcroft Received 1 Parish
Levy: of John Jennett 043½
By: M' John Doran 1 ditto for Edward Henry: 043½
By: Surplus Tobacco: in M' Sclaters the Col-
lectors hands last year 183
By: 751 Titheables at 36' of Tobacco p' pole is 27036
By: The Surplus Tobacco to be left in y' Col-
lecto's hands Untill Next yea': 0157

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It is Ordered by this: Present Vestry that the Parish Levy for this Present year be Thirty & Six poundes of Tobbaccoe p' pole and that Mr John Sclater Sheriff & Collecto' of Blisland Parish Collect the Said Sum of thirty & Six poundes of Tobbacco from Every Individuall Titheable person Within this Parish and that he Pay the Sd Tobbaccoes to the Severall Respective parish Creditors above mentioned To Whome it is Due in hh's of Such Weightes & at Such times as the Other Church-Warden Shall Direct & appoint: And on Default of payment to Levy the Same by Distress: And that the Clerk of the Vestry take Bond With Good & Sufficient Security of the Sd Sclater for Payment of the Said Tobbaccoes: before he Deliver to him a Copy of the Parish Charge and Copy of this Order of Vestry

[19]

Henry: Holdcroft: formerly of the Churchwardens of this Parish this day Offering to pay fifty Shillings Current money: being a fine Due from: Elizabeth Jemmyjon for her haveing a bastard Child: and Was Due to this Parish: by Law: Whilst the Sd Holdcroft Was Church warden: and aljoe five Shillings: forfeited for: Prophane Swearing: Wherefore the Vestry Ordered: that the Said Holdcroft Should: Lay out the Sd fifty five Shillings: in Necessary Cloathing: Linnen & Woollen. & Other Necessarys for Emanuel Demetrius a poor Lame person Which this parish have put under the Care of Mr John Doran for Cure of a Very Sore Legg: And the Sd Holdcroft: Agreed to Lay out & Dispose of the Sd Money accordingly

Francis: Shoemaker: being in a Very Ailing Weak Condition: petitioned this Vestry to be free from paying Parish Levy: On Consideration: Whereof this Vestry have thought fitt to Discharge him from paying parish Levys Untill he Shall: be: Capable to Worke & labour for Maintainance

This Vestry have Thought: it Necessary: by the Consent of Mr Daniel Taylor Mini't' of this Parish that the Present:
Register Booke of this Parſh be Delivered into the handes & Charge of Francis Cooke Clerke of this Parſh: And that he is hereby Admitted Clerk of the Register and that he truely & Carefully & Set Down & Enter on the S4 Parſh Register all births & Deaths that he hath an account Given him of: and Make Such Returns as the Law Directs: & it is Ordered that he be Sworne accordingly

Tefṭ Henry: Holdcroft: Clk Veftry Blijl4

[20]
At a veftery held for Blijſland Parriſh at M' Henry Holdcroft* y* 15 day of June 1728—preſent

M' Daniell Taylor Minifter

Cap' George Keeling Cap': Rich4. Rich4jon Church Warden
Cap' Wm: Kenney M' Henry Holdcroft
M' Wm: Morris M' George Woodward
Cap' Nicho: Alderſey M' Tho: Williams
M' Wm: Cox M' Lanclet Woodward
M' John Doran Major John Thornton

This veftery proceeds to Apoint viewers & Tellers to Examine and Inquire of the Names & Numbers of persons in this Parriſh Alowed by Law to plant and Tend Tobacco and as the Parriſh is Already Laid oute into Conveneant precincts M' John Allen & M' John Hankins is Apointed as Tellers of tobb in the place of Cap': Rich4: Rich4jon & M' Wm: Morris And Ordered that they bee Sworn Accordingly

John Rowntree is Apointed a Teler of Tobb with Benj: Rich4jon in the place of M' Daniell Allen and Ordered that he be Sworn Accordingly

John Breeding is Apointed a teller of Tobb: with John Burnett in the place of David Williams and Orderd that he bee Sworn Accordingly
John Luck being removed out of the parrijh John Hogg is
Apointed a teler of Tobb: in his Stead with Wm: Harman and
orderd he be Sworn Accordingly

M' Lanc't. Woodard & M' Tho: Williams Apointed Tobb:
telers for All that part of the Parrijh which Lyes in James Citty
County and Orderd that they be Sworn Accordingly

Teft Francis Cooke Clerk Veftry Blijland Parrish

M' Henry Holdcroft haveing rejoin'd his being Clerk of the
Veftry Francis Cooke is Apointed Clerk of the Said Veftry &
Sworn Accordly

Teft Francis Cooke Clerk Veftry

[21]
At a Veftry held for Blijland Parish at y* Brick Church y*
13th of November 1728

Pʃent
M' Dan' Taylor Mineʃter

Cap' William Kenney Cap' John Armiftead
M' Georg Woodward M' John Doran
M' Lanclet Woodward M' William Cox
M' Thomas Williams Maj': John Thornton

This Veftry proceeds to Lay the Parijh Levi
To M' Daniell Taylor Mineʃter & for this years Sallery 16000
To Caʃke to Ditto by the Veʃtry* Agreement for the
defeciency of a Glebe 01280
To Fra*: Cooke Clerk of y* Parijh for a years Salery
1500 & Caʃk 01620
To M' Henry Holdcrafts years Salery for Clerk of the
Veʃtry C C 00540
To Mojes Croford Saxton at y* Lower Church a years
Salery & Caʃk 00540
To Rich': Waren Saxton at y* Uper Church a years
Salery & Caʃk 00540
To Sarah Smallpage for this years Maintanance 500 &
Caʃk 00540
To M' Rich*: Hickman Clerk James Citty for a Coppie
  Lift of Tithables 00020
To Dorothy Henry for keeping Lucy Gills a yeare 00600
To Maj': John Thornton his acco': for Clerks fees 00120
To Doctor Philip Jones his Acco'. for Joane Corbat
  Alowd by y' Vestry 00576
To Rice Downes for keeping James Cornute Eighteen
  Moneths @ 400 p' yeare 00600
To Sarah Smallpage for Laft years Maintainance
  forgot which M' Sclater p' & to be kept in y'
  Collecters hands 00540
To M' John Sclater for two Comuions 00200
To M' John Sclater for John Lafoon last year w' y' Vestry believes M' Sclater paid 00300
To M' William Cox his Acc' against Joane Corbit 00344
To John Lafoon for this years Maintainance 500 & Caʃk 00540
To Tho: HenderJon for makeing a horje block 00125
To Edward Linʃey for keeping Even Jones Child Mary
  Jones from any Charge to this Pariʃh Till Shee be
  of Age 900 & Caʃk 00972
To Cap': RichJon for two Communions 00200
To M' John Doran for Cureing Benja: Breeding &
  his Trouble from the 26th day of December Laʃ till this day 2100 & Caʃk 02268
To M' Tho: Ballard for Makein one horfe block &
  Repairing another 00080
To M' John Doran for his acco': against Joane Corbit 00120
To M' Marks for his acco': against Joane Corbit for
  her buriall 00100
To M' Daniell Taylor* Caʃk on 16000 at 8 ❈ C 01280
To Cap': RichardJon his acco'. 00250
To Saliery on 30295 at 10 ❈ C 03029

33324
Ut Supra
By M' John Sclater for tobacco he rec'd. of Sam' Curll for Rent 700
By 780 Tithables at 42 ²⁹ pole 32760

Ballance due to the parish to be paid by the Collector Next year 136

[22]
Brought over
It is ordered by this present Vestrey that the Parish Levy be forty-two pounds of Tobacco p' pole and that Cap': william Kenney High Sheriff of this County is ordered to Collect and Receive the Same from Every Individuall Tithable person Within this Parish & one Default of payment to make Distrejs for the Same According to Law, the said Kenney first Entring into Bond with Good and Sufficient Security to the other Church Warden for the use of the said parish for Paym'. of the said Tobacco to the Several respective Creditors for Whom the Same is Raised In hh's. of such weights & at Such Times As the said Church Warden Shall Derrect and Appoint and it is ordered that the Clerk of the vestrey take Bond and Security As Aforsaid Befor he deliver a Copy of this order of Vestry and a Copy of the parish Charge to the s' Collector

Test Francis Cooke Clerk Vestry

[23]
At a Vestry held for Blijland Parish at M' Stephen Fornea* on Monday the 16th day of June 1729

Present
The Rever'd M' Danl Taylor Minstr
Major John Thornton
Cap' Wm: Kenney, Churchwardens
Cap.' George Keeling
Cap'. Rich'd Richardjon
M' Wm: Cox
M' Wm: Morris
M' George Woodward
M' Lanclett Woodward
M' John Doran
Vestry Men
NEW KENT COUNTY, VIRGINIA, 1721-1786

The Vestry being this day Mett purjuan to Law do proceed to Appoint and Constitute the following Persons Vewers & Telers of tob* plants planted in the Said Parish this present yeare to wit

John Allen & John Hankins are Continued
Benj*. Rich* fon & John Rountree are Continued
John Breeding & John Burnett Continued
John Hogg & Wm: Harman Continued
M' Lancet woodward & M' Tho: Williams Continued

In there Respec- cincts
pective

It is Ordered that they have Notice thereof that they May be Sworn Accordingly
It is Ordered by this Present Vestry that Jefery a Negro Man belonging to David Pryor be Leavy free

Test Frances Cook Clerk Vestry

[24]

At a Vestry for Blisland Parish at M' Stephen Fornea* y'
21* Day of July 1729

y* Reverend M' Daniall Taylor Minester
M' Wm Cox
M' John Doran
M' George Woodward

Cap* Wm: Kenney Churchwarden
M* Wm: Morris
M' Tho: Williams

Vestry Men

M' John Hankins who was formerly Apointed one of the Counters of tobacco being disabled from performing his duty this present Vestry hath M' Daniell Allen Jun* to serve in his roome & that he be Sworn Accordingly
it is Ordered by this present Vestry that Ann Evans a pore Widdow of this Parish have two hundred pounds of tobacco & Cajque paide to her or her Order towards y* Suport of three Small Children

Test Frances Cook Clerk Vestry
At a Vestry held for Blisland Parrijh at the Lower Church y^e 27 October 1729

Present
Major John Thornton  Capt. William Kenney Church wardens
Mr William Cox  Cap^t Rich^t_ Rich^t_Jon
Capt Nicholas Aldersey  Mr John Sclater
Mr George Woodward  Mr Lancelett Woodward
Mr John Doran  Mr William Morris
Capt George Keeling

This Vestry proceeds to Lay the Parrijh Leavie
To the reverend Mr Daniel Taylor Minijter for ten
Moneths Sallery 13334
To Cask to D°: & Deficiency of p^t Gleeb 2134 15468
To Francis Cook Clark of the parrijh & Vestry his
Sallery 02160
To Moses Crarford Saxton at the Lower Church D°: 00540
To Rich^t: Warren Saxton at the upper Church D°: 00540
To Sarah Smallpage for this years maintenance 00540
To m^t: John Doran for curing Thomas Shelbourn 01728
To Doll Henry for Keeping Lucey Gill a year 00600
To Maj. Thornton for a Copy of the Lijt of Tythables 00040
To Rich^t: Warren for three Comunions 00300
To Rice Downs for Keeping of James Cornute a year 00400
To Samuel Curl for work Done on y^t: Gleeb 400° Tob^e
To Capt^t: William Kenneys acc^t:
To Mary Shelbourn for Keeping her Son in distref^s 00648
To Robert Pennington for Returns 00500
To m^t: John Sclater for two Returns & Collecting 700° Tob^e
To 1 Levie of Christop^t: Charltons & Collecting of it 00046
To 30° Tob^e p^t_ Tyth on 798 Tythables is 23940
To Ca스크 to D° 01916
To the Collect^t for Receiving & making Convenent 04999
By 798 Tyths at 69' Tob": p': Tythable is 55062
By Samuel Curls years Rent for y° Gleep 400 pound of Tob'
Ball due to y°: parish to be allowed by the Collector next year 79

It is ordered by this present Vestry that y° parish Leavie be 69 pound of Tob° p': pole and that Cap't. William Kenney High Sheriff of this *Said County is ordered to Collect and receive the same from Every individuall Tythable person within this parish and on default of paymen[t] To make Distrejs for the Same according to Law the Said Kenney fir't Entering into Bond with Good Sufficient Security to the other Churchwarden for the ufe of the Said parish Creditors for home y° Same is raised in hh"[@] of Such weights & at Such time as the s°: Churchwarden Shall direct and appoint and it is ordered that the Clark of the Vestry take bond & Security as aforesaid before he Deliver a Copy of this order of Vestry and a Copy of the parish charge to the Collector

Copy Tejt Francis Cook Clerk Vestry

[26]

Turn Over
It is Ordered by this present Vestry That James Curnute be put Benj Tyre at 400' of Tobb p': yeare the Said Tyre promis-ing to Learn y° S° Curnut to Knit or weave
it is Alfo Ordered y° Mary Whitehead° Neagro Man Jack be Leavy free
This Vestry do agree with y° Rever°. M° Mojom & y° Rev°. M° Leneve to preach y° one at y° Uper Church & y° Other at y° Lower Church Every Alternate Saterday & to alow to Each of them three hundred and Twenty pounds of Tobb: with Ca∫que & Conveneancy for Evry Sermon

Cop Tejt Frances Cook Clerk Vestry

*Scratched through in original, but still legible.—C. G. C.
Gentlemen

The Reverend M' Thacker is so well known in This Country that it will be sufficient for me to signifie to you as I hereby do that I am well Satisfied he is a person of good Life and Conversation and fully Quallified for Undertaking the Cure of youre Parrijh

I am Gentlemen Your
Affectionate Friend

Wmsburgh and humble Service
Feb: 6: 1729/30

William Gooch

Williamsburgh Feb: 6: 1729-30

Gentlemen

The Honourable the Governour having recommended the Reverend Bearer M' Chichley Thacker to your Parrijh I thought it my duty to acquaint you that I have Seen his Orders and Licence from my Lord Bishop of London and that he has so good a Character of his good behaviour in the University that I Can not in the Least doubt but that he will be very acceptable to you and so much the more as being a Virginian and having Laid the first foundation of Learning at the College in this Country I hope ye will be happy in Each other and am

Gentlemen Yo' Moft
Humble Servant

James Blair

Test Frances Cook Clerk Veftry

[27]

It is ordered by this present Veftry that the Parrijh Levy for this present yeare be Seventy Nine pounds & half of tobacco p' pole and that Major Richard Richardson Sheriff and Collector of Blijland parijh Collect the Said Sum of seventy Nine pounds and half of tobacco from Every Individuall Tithableperfon within this parijh and that he pay the S^t tobaccoes to y' Severall Repective parijh Creditors before Mentioned to
whome it is due in hh" of Such weight and at such times as the Churchwardens shall direct and apoint and on default of pay-
ment to Levy the Same by dijtres and that the Clerk of the ves\ry take bond with good and Suficent Security of the S" Richardjon for payment of the S" tobacces before he deliver
to him a Copy of the par\n Charge and Copy of this Order of Ves\ry

Anthony Allom and John Browing boath petitioned this Ves\ry to be free from paying par\n Levy being both very aged
and not able to work for theire Living as formerly which is

Granted

Cap' George Keeling de\iring to be Exc\ed from being a ves\ry man is di\chard from his Office and William Mackain
Gen'. is Cho\en in his Steade and Sworn accordingly by M' John Sclater a Major\rate for this County

Major John Thornton & Cap' William Kenney Late Church-
wardens are di\chargd from theire office & Coll William Ba\sett & M' William Morris are apointed Churchwardens in their
Steade & Sworn Accordingly by M' John Sclater a Major\rate for this County

This pre\ent Ves\ry has agreed to alow Benj' Tyree for Keep-
ing James Curnute after y' rate of 400" of tobacco p' yeare
during y' time y' S" James Shall be there

T\st Frances Cook Clerk Ves\ry

[28]

At a Ves\ry held for Blijland Par\n at the Brick Church y'
12 August 1730

Present

the Reverend M' Thacker Mine\ter

Major Rich'd: Richardjon Cap' William Kenney Chu Warden
Cap' William Morris M' Georg Woodward
M' William Cox M' Lanclett Woodward
M' John Sclater M' John Doran
Coll William Baf\sett Ves\ry Men
it is Ordered by this present Vestry that a Vestry Man be Chosen in the roome of Cap' Nicholas Alderjey Coll William Bajsett being present is Chosen a vestry man for this parish and is Sworn Accordingly by Cap' William Morris a Magistrate for this County

it is Ordered Also by this present vestry that Cap' William Kenney pay to Mr* Armitstead three and twenty Shillings for for boarding the Workman While repairing the Gleibe house

The Vestry this day Agrees With Coll William Bajsett to build and Erect two Brick Chimneys to the Gleibe house and Underpin the Said house with Brick & to build a Closet and to Cover y^ Kitchen & to paile in y^ Garden to the Satisfaction of the Magister in Consideration the Vestry to forty pounds Curant Money at the Laying the Next Levie

[29]
At a Vestry held for Blijland Parish at the Lower Church y* 13 March 1730

Present y* Reverend Mr Chichley Thacker Magister
Major Richard Richardson Coll William Bajsett Church
Cap' William Kenney Cap' William Morris wardens
Mr' William Cox Mr' Lanclett Woodward
Mr' William Mackaine Mr' Tha. Williams
Mr' George Woodward Vestrymen

This Vestry proceeds to Chuse a Vestryman in y* Roome of Major John Thornton Deceased it is Ordered y* Mr* Georg Clough be Chosen a vestryman for this Parish and is Sworn Accordingly by Mr* Mr* William Mackaine a Magistrate for this County

Coll Bajsett* Acc^ which is as followeth Alowed by this Vestry

January y* 3^ 1730 To p^ for Makeing a CAfe-

ment £0= 3=0

Blijland Parish D' To Lead and Glajs

0= 8=0
To Ca$h p° Cliff for altering Ca$ements 0= 6=0
To 2 p° of Large hooks and hinges for the Gleibe Gates 0=13=5

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\text{To Ca$h due} & \quad \text{y° parish} \\
& \quad \text{£ 4}=12=5
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Cap° Kenney his Acc°. alowed by this Ve$try which is as followeth

Blijland Parijh D° March y° 13: 1730
To 6 y° of Purple Cloath at 18° p° y° £ 5= 8=0
To 19\frac{3}{4} y° purple Silk Lace at 8° 13=2
To 9 Ounces \frac{1}{3} Deep Silk fring at 3° p° ounc 1= 7=4\frac{1}{2}
To 2 purple Silk Tojsels at 3° 6
To 2 Skins Leather & 4 p° feathers 8=3
To Making them 10
To 2 Common prayer Book° 1=10
To 2 Surplices y° 22 Ells of Gulick hol° 6/10 7=10=4
To making them 1
To a Box 3
To prinage & all Charges till on board 7
To Com° on £ 19=3=1\frac{1}{2} at 2\frac{1}{2} p C° 9=7\frac{1}{2}
To 75 \frac{3}{4} C° on £ 19=12=9 is 14=14=6\frac{3}{4}

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\text{Ca$h due \\ y° parish} \\
& \quad \text{£ 4}=12=5
\end{align*}
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38=19=8\frac{3}{4}

[30]

Brought Over

Francis Shoemaker is Chosen Sexton y this Ve$try to Serve at y° Lower Church after y° rate of five hundred pounds of tobb & Ca$que \\ yeare

it is Ordered by this present Ve$try that Coll William Bajett & Cap° William Morris do Sell y° tobb Raised to pay the parish Debts as they Shall think
at the Motion of the Minejter the Veftry Conjents to build a quarter on y' Gleibe for his Neagroes 16 & 12 with a Shed on one Side Coll Bajssett has undertaken to build it Major Richard-Jon & Cap' Morris is appointed to value y' S^d houfe

it is Ordered by this present Veftry that William Hart be bound to John Bates to Lern y' trade of a Carpenter

This Day Benjamin Tyree Surrendered James Curnute up to to the Parish & it is Ordered that y' S^d Curnute be bound out by the parish which is accordingly done to Rich^d Maples

C. Thacker Minejter
William Bajssett
William Morris

Test Francis Cook Clerk Veftry

[31]

This Indenture Made this 13th day of March Annoq a Domini one Thoujand Seven hundred and thirty By and between Co^t William Bajssett and Cap^t William Morris Churchwardens of the Parish of Blisland for the time being of the one part and Richard Maples of the Said Parish Taylor of the Other part Witnefseth that the Said Churchwardens for Several good Caujes and Considerations hereafter Mentioned and Exprejzed doth hereby binde and put James Kernute a Servant and an apprentice Unto the Said Richard Maples to Serve him well and truly from the day and date hereof untill he Shall Come to the age of twenty one Years from the day of his Birth and that in all Lawfull Service and Imploymet he Shall Excerciže and Imploy himjelf about dureing the afore Said term and in Consideration of the Said Service the Said Richard Maples doth hereby Covenant promiže grant and agree to and with the Said Churchwardens to doe his true and utmojt Endeavor to Learn and Teach his Said apprentiç[e] the art and Mijtry of a Taylor and that in all things and that in all things relateing to the Said trade and to find and Maintaine his Said apprentiç with all Nejfar Cloathin Meate drink washing and Lodging and that dureing the whole time and Term aforefaiđ and Shall allwaiße
Endeavor to In till piety and vertue into him and at the End and Expiration of his Said Apprenticeship Shill give and allow to his Said apprentice one good Sute of apparell in Witnes wret of all the above Named partyes have hereunto Set their hands and Seales the day and yeare first above written

William Basset
William Morris

Signed Sealed
and in presence of us
Francis Cook
Tho: Williams

Copia Test Francis Cook Clerk Vestry

At a Vestry held for Blisland Parish at y' Brick Church y'
23d of August 1731

present
the Reverend Chicheley Thacker Minster
Coll William Basset & Cap' William Morris Churchwardens
Major Rich': Richard Jon M' Georg Woodward
M' John Scater M' Lanclett Woodward
M' William Mackain M' Georg Clough
M' John Doran

This Vestry agrees with Coll: William Basset to build a dary or Milkhouse for the Minister to his Likeing & to bring his acc' to the Laying of the Next parish Levie to be paid According to the Value of the Work

William Son of Sarah Sawyer is discharged from paying Levie till the Vestry Shall think him Capable to pay it

This Vestry has allowed Mary Crook three hundred pounds of Tobb towards building her a dwelling house

Chicheley Thacker Minster
William Basset
William Morris

Test Fran Cook Clerk vestry
At a Vestry held for Blisland Parish at y* Lower Church y* 9th day of Novb' 1731

Present y* Reverent M* Thacker Minister
M* John Sclater  Coll William Basett (Churchwardens)
Maj Rich'Jon  Cap' William Morris
Cap' William Kenney  M* Georg Clough
M* William MacKain  M* John Doran (Vestry men)
M* Georg Woodward  M* Lanclett Woodward

This Vestry proceeds to Lay y* Parish Levie
To y* Rev. M* Thacker Minister for one years Sallery 16000
To Cajque at 4 3/4 C to D°. 640
To Francis Cook his years Sallery & Cajque alowd at 4 3/4 C. 2080
To Francis Shoemaker Sexton Since the 13th of March Laft 334
To Richard Warren Sexton at y* upper Church 520
To Sarah Smallpage her Maintaineanc this year 520
To M* Joh Dandridge for 2 Copies Lifts of Tithables 40
To M* Mathew Kemp Clerk James Citty for one Copie D°. 20
To Jane Crafford a Ballance due to her husband 186
To Cap' Morris Churchwarden for four Communions 400
To D°. his Acc for Sundrys 238
To Mary Crook toward building her houfe 300
To Major Richardson for Sallevateing Ann Evans & waranting y* Cure till Novb 1040
To Coll: William Basett his Acc£11=13=8½ in Tobb at 11 S 3/4 C° 2126
To John Richardson his Acc for delinquents 732
To M* John Doran for Medicens for Eliz Barker past & till Next vestry 520
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To Benj'. Tyree for Keeping James Curnute two Moneths 67
To Dorothy Henry for Keeping Lucy Gill 832

26595

Ut Supra C'
By Tob'. due from the Collector last yeare 58
By D'. Short paid ye' parijh Tob' £ 1064
By Sam'' Curl 400

1522

The Parijhl Debt is 25073

26595

To 14 C' on 25073 pounds of Tob' 3510
To 15 polle for Tob', towards building a Church on 761 Tithes is 11415
To 18 C' on 11415 pounds of Tobacco 2055

42053

Ut Supra C'
By 761 Tithables at 55 polle is 41856
By Tobacco to be paid by the Collector & to be Levied for him Next year 198

42053

[34]

JoJeph Linsey upon his petition to This Vejtry is discharged from paying his Parijhl Levie
It is Ordered by this present Vejtry that the Tobacco Levied Towards Building a New Church remaine in the Collectors hands till the Next Vejtry
It is Ordered by this present Vestry that the Parish Levy for this present yeare be fifty five pounds of Tobacco pole and that Major Richard Richardjon Sherif and Collector of this Parish Collect the Said Summ of fifty five pounds of Tobaccos from Every Indevdual Tithable person in this Parish and that he pay the Said Tobaccos to the Severall Respective Parish Creditors by Inspectors Notes before the tenth day of Aprill Next and that the Clerk of the vestry tak Bond with good and Sufficient Security of the Said Richardjon for the payment of the Said Tobaccos before he deliver him a Copie of this Order of Vestry and of the Parish Charge

Chicheley Thacker Minister
William Bajsett
William Morris

Tfjt Francis Cook Clerk vestry

at a Vestry held for Blisland Parish at y* Brick Church y*
26th: day of June 1732

Present y* Revn4 M' Thacker Minifter
Coll. William Bajsett Churchwarden
Major Rich4 Richardjon M' Georg Woodward
Cap† William Kenney M' John Doran
M‡ William Cox M‡ Lanclett Woodward

it is Ordered by this present vestry that Coll. William Bajsett do Sell what Tobacco y* Collector Can gett in of y* Parish Tobacco by Next Newkent Court and that what money the Said Tobacco Sels for remaine in his hands till further Orders from the Vestry

Isaac Godin upon his petition to this Vestry has his Neagro Man Harry discharged from paying Parish Levy
John Williams at his request is discharged from paying Parish Levy

Tfjt Francis Cook Clerk Vestry
Att a vestry held for Blisland Parish at y* Brick Church y*
9th of October 1732

Present the Revd. M' Thacker Miner
Coll William Bafsett
Cap' William Morris
M' William Cox
M' John Doran
M' Georg Woodward
Vestry Men

M' Lanclett Woodward
M' Tho: Williams
M' Georg Clough
Vestry Men

This Vestry Proceeds to Lay y* Parish Levie
To the Revnd M' Thacker Miner for a yeas Sallery 16000
To Cash 397 D: at 4 3/4 C:
To Frañ. Cook Clerk for his Sallery this yeare with
Cash Included 2080
To Frañ Shoomaker Sexton for this years Sallery 520
To Rich' Warren Sexton for this years Sallery 520
To Sarah Smallpage for her years Maintainance 520
To M' Matthew Kemp for a Copie of y* List of tiths 20
To M' John Dandridge for two Copies of the Lists of
Tiths 40
To Cap' William Morris for four Communions 400
To Tho: Lyon for Keeping Mary Crook & her Child
three Moneths 400
To M' Tho: Williams for Keeping Jane Croford two
Moneths 100
To Frañ: Cook for the Use of Evan Jones 500
To John Miller 250
To Rebeckah Merideth Toward building her a house 300
To Dorothy Henry for keeping Lucy Gills 800
To John Richard Jon his Accomp' for delinquents 1566

24656
To Coll. William Bajsett £17=16=4 To M' Thacker
£1=6=0 for building a Smoak house on the
Gliebe £1=15=0
Cr4 by Samuell Curll 400

To 14 3/4 C on 24256$ of Tob''
To 10 pounds of Tobb 3/4 pole Towards building a
Church 7700
To 18 3/4 C on 7700 1386
Tobacco due from the Collector Next yeare 222

C'
by 770 Tiths at 48 3/4 pole 36960

[36] Brought Over
M' William Cox Refusing to Serve any Longer as a Veftry
Man in this Parish M' Joseph Allen is Chofen in his place and
Sworn Accordingly by M' John Sclater a Majejtrate for this
County

M' Tho: Williams Agreed with This Veftry to keepe Jane
Croford for fifty pounds of Tobb & Caftque 3/4 Moneth

It is Ordred by this present veftry that Tho Garrot upon his
Petition be Aquited from paying Parish Levie

M' William Mackain & M' Georg Clough are Chofen Church
wardens for this Parish in ye roome of Coll: William Bajsett
and Cap': William Morris & were Accordingly Sworn by M'
John Sclater one of his Majesty's Justices

It is Ordered by this present Veftry that the parish Levie
for this present yeare be forty Eight pounds of Tobbacco 3/4
pole and that M' John Thornton Sub Sherif and Collector of
this parish do Collect the Said Summ of forty Eight pounds
of Tobacco from Every Individuall Tithable person within this
parish Except the pole Abaitment and that hee pay the Said
Tobbacooes to the Severall respective parish Creditors to whome
it is due by Inspectors Notes before the Last day of April Next and that the Clerk of the vestry take Bond with good and Sufficient Security of the Said Collector for the payment of the Said Tobbaccoes before he deliver him a Copie of this Order of Vestry and the parish Charge

C Thacker Minister
Wm Basset
Wm Morris

Teft Frañ Cook Clerk Vestry

[37]
At a Vestry held for Blifland Parish at y* Brick Church y* 13th day of June 1733

present y* Revd Chichley Thacker Minister
Coll William Basset  M* William Mackaine Church
Major Richd Richardson  M* Georg Clough wardens
Cap’l William Kenney  M* John Sclater
M* John Doran

This Vestry Appoints Coll William Basset to Sell the tobb which was raised towards Building of a Church at publick Auction

Phillip Charles upon his Wifes petition to this Vestry is Aquited from paying Parish Levie while he remains in this Condition

Cornelious Jones on his pett* to this Vestry has his Son Stephen Aquited from payin parish Levie this yeare

C Thacker Minister
William Mackaine Church w
Georg Clough

Teft Frañ Cook Clerk of y* vestry

[38]
At a Vestry held for Blifland Parish at the Lower Church y* 31 day of October 1733
Present the Ren't M'r Thacker Min'ester
Cap'n William Kenney  M'r William Mackain {Church
M'r Joseph Allen  M'r Georg Clough  Wardens
Major Rich'd Richardson  M'r John Sclater
Cap'n William Morris  M'r John Doran
M'r Georg Woodward

This Vestry proceeds to Lay the Parish Levy
To the Ren't M'r Thacker Min'ester for a years Sallery 16000
To Casque to D'o at 4 ^ C
To Frañ Cook Clerk for a years Sallery Casque Included 2080
To Frañ Shoomaker Sexton for a years Sallery 520
To Rich'd Warren Sexton for a years Sallery 520
To M'r Matthew Kemp for a Copie of the List of tithes 20
To M'r John Dandridge for 2 Copies of the List of tithes 40
To Cap'n William Morris for 3 Communions 300
To Dorothy Henry for Keeping Lucy Gills 832
To M'r Tho Williams for keeping Jane Croford 550
To Casque to D'o 22
To John Miller toward his years Maintainance 300
To Rich'd Jones for keeping Mary Crook 4 Moneths 400
To M'r Mackain for one Communion 100
To Ann Evans 200
To Jones Parish for keeping Jane Croford 34
To Peter Ball for 2 horse blocks & 6 benches finding Matearals 150
To Jane Croford for her Maintainance 520

23228
To 14 p' C' on 23228 3251

26479
C' by Samuell Curl 400
C' in M'r Thorntons hands 222 622

25857
Hickory Neck Church, Blisland Parish, James City County, Virginia

(Courtesy of Mr. Joseph W. Geddes, A. I. A., P. A. S. I., Williamsburg, Virginia)

The north, or rear, portion of this church is a part of the addition made in 1774-1776 on the north side of the Lower Church of Blisland Parish, which was erected in 1734-1738. Sometime during or subsequent to the Revolution, the whole church with the exception of most of the north wing was torn down, and the south, or front, portion of the present church building was erected, the bricks used being evidently some of those that had been in the walls of the original church.
Tobacco Levied toward a Church
To 18 p' C' on 24000 pounds of Tobacco

*C' by 769 tithes at 71 p' pole
Tobacco in y' Colectors hands to be paid Next yeare

M' William Mackain & M' Georg Clough Continued Churchwardens
by 769 tiths at 71 3/9

[39]
It is Ordered by this present Vejtry that M' Joseph Allen and M' John Doran Settle with Coll Basset the Parish Acc'
it is Ordered by this present Vejtry that a Church be built of Brick in the Lower part of this parish Sixty foot Long & 26 foot wide within the Walles the farther Dements to be as the Vejtry Shall agree with the workmen
it is Ordered by this present Vejtry that the Churchwardens Sell the goods belonging to Mary Crook
it is Ordered that the Churchwardens demand the Church plate which belonged to the Uper Church of the Late parish of Wilmington Now in the hands of M' William Brown Gen'
it is Ordered by this present Vejtry that the parish Levy for this present yeare be Seventy one pounds of tobb p' pole and that Cap' William Morris high Sherif and Collector of this parish do Collect the Said Summ of Seventy one pounds of tobacco from Every Individdual tithable person on this parish Except the pole abatement and that he pay the Said Tobaccoes to the Severall respective parish Creditors to whome it is due by Inspectors Notes before the Laft day of Aprill Next and that the Clerk of the vejtry take bond with good Suficient Security of the Said Collector for the payment of the Said

*This line scratched through in original, but still legible.—C. G. C.
Tobb before he deliver him a Copie of this Order of Vestr[y] and the parish Charg

Chichley Thacker Min∫r
William Mackaine
Georg Clough

Test Frañ Cook Clerk Vestr[y]

Memorandum Tob°. due to the parish
To Tobacco In the Colectors han  422
To Tobacco Levied for Jane Craford not due Untill next Year  520
To 1 parish Levy paid by M° Ballard not Levied  71

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1013

*W°° Mackain C:W

[40]
At a Vestr[y] held for Blijland Parish at the Lower Church the 11 day of December 1733

Present

The Reverend Chichley Thacker Min∫r | Church warden
Coll William Bejsett  M° William Mackain
Major Rich°. Richard Jon  M° Georg Clough
Cap° William Kenney  Cap° William Morris
M° John Sclater  M° John Doran
M° Jo∫eph Allen  M° Lanclett Woodward

it is Ordered by this present Vestr[y] that a deviding line be run between this parish and S° peters parish Cross the Late parish of Wilmington According to Law
it is Ordered by this Present Vestr[y] that a Church be built of Brick for the Lower part of this Parish of Blijland on M° Holdcroft’s Land on the Maine Roade below y° Late plantation of M° Weldey° on part of the Land where M° Holdcroft Now

*This name was difficult to decipher.—C. G. C.
Lives being an Acre of Land given by M" Holdcroft for that Use

it is Ordered by this present Vestry that a Vestry be held at M' Stephen Fornea* ye first day of February in Order to Lett the building of the Church to Such workmen as the Vestry Shall agree with the Church to be Sixty foot Long and twenty six foot wide within the walls & fifteen foot pitch from the flooring of the pews to the Lower part of the plate and two foot from ye* top of the Earth to the top of the flower with a gallery & the Ile to be Laid with white Square Stone

Chichley Thacker Minister
William Mackain Church war
Georg Clough

Teft Fran Cook Clerk Vestry

[41]

At a Vestry held for Blijland Parish at the house of M'
Stephen Furnea the first day of February 1733

Present
The Reverend M' Thacker Minister
Coll William Bajsett M' William Mackain* Church
M' Joseph Allen M' Georg Clough * wardens
Major Richard Richardson M' John Doran
Cap' William Kenney Cap' William Morris
M' John Sclater M' Lanclett Woodward

This Vestry this day agreed with M' John Moore and M' Lewis Deloney to build a Church in Blijland Parish as followeth Sixty foot Long and Twenty six foot wide within the walls fifteen foot from the Flooring of the pews up to the plate ye* flooring of the pewes one foot from ye* hieft part of the ground a Compas Seiling ye* Isle to be Laid with white Bristol Stones the walls to be three bricks thick up to ye* water table & two bricks & half thick from ye* water table upwards a gallery twelve foot Long Six windoors in ye* body of the Church & two
in y* East End in proportion to the pitch of the walls y* Windows to be Arched with Shales to be glai[d] with Shale gla[s] & to be hung with Leads & pulleys wainscoate Shutter[s] wainscoate pews y* front of y* pews pulpit & desk to be quarter Round & raised panells Mondillion Eave with plain gable Ends & Single Cornish the Rooffe to Covered with plank and Shingled on that y* Doores & door Cas[es] & windoore frames to be twije primed first with Spanish brown then with white Lead & a Compa[r]s Alter with railes & bane[sters] & a table & Font as Useall to be a Compleat Finished Church workman Like turn Key and goe & this Vestry agrees to pay the Said Moore & Deloney as follows two hundred & fifty pounds y* 10th day of June Next & Eighty five pounds y* 10th day of June 1735 and the Last payment Eighty five pounds y* 10th of June 1736

This Vestry has appointed Cap't Henry Powers together with M' William Mackain & M' George Clough to take bond of John Moore & Lewis Delony for their faithfull performance of the above Said work and Likewise as Supervisors to Overlook the Said Moore & Delony in their proceedings

Chichley Thacker Minister
William Mackain
George Clough

Te[st] Francis Cooke Clerk Vestry

[42]
At a Vestry held for Blisland Parish at y* Upper Church 17th day of October 1734

\[\text{Present y*} \quad \text{Ren*} \quad \text{M' Thacker Minister}
\]
Coll William Bajsett    M' William Mackain {Church-wardens
Cap' William Kenney    M' George Clough
Cap' William Morris    M' Joseph Allen
M' John Doran          M' Lanclett Woodward
M' William Hockaday    Major Rich* Richardson
This Vestry proceeds to Lay y° Parish Levie
To the Revired M’ Thacker for a years Sallery 16000
To Caʃk to D° at 4 39º C'
To Francis Cook Cleark for a years Sallery 2080
To Francis Shomaker Sexton for a years Sallery 520
To Richard Waring Sexton for a years Sallery 520
To m’ John Dandridge his account 140
To maj’ Kemp for of y° Liʃt of Tiths J Citty 20
To Dorithy Henry for Lucy Gills 832
To John miller for his Years maintainance 300
To m’ mackain for four Communians 400
To ann Evans 200
To Ballard Dormer for Thomas Bates—8 months 300
To m’ Hockaday a Ballance of an account 355
To m’ John Thornton alloud in his account 88
To the Church Wardens for Evan Jones 300
To James Charles for Keeping his father 400
To m’ John Markland for wrighting a deed for y° Church
  Land 100

23195
To 14 39º C' on 23195' of Tobb° 3247

26442
To 15 39º pole toward the Church on 773 Tiths 11595
To 14 39º C' on 11595' Tobb° 1623

39660

By 773 Tithables at 51 39º pole 39433
a Ballance dew to the Collecter for next year 237

39670

ordered that the Collecter Receive of Samuel Curll four hun-
dred pounds of Tobbaco for his Rent and four hundred that is
above Levied for James Charles not now due that he keep the Said 800 pounds of Tobb° in his hands and account with the Vestrty for the Same

[43] October the 17th 1734

Whearas John Sclater Gen∫t a late Vestrty man for this parijh is dead this Vestrty has Chose m' William Hockaday to Serve in his Stead who was Sworn accordingly by m' Wm mackain Ge∫t

Wm mackain & Joseph Allen & m' John Doran Gen∫t are appointed to Settle with the Late Collecters & Retern an account to the Vestrty

Joseph Allen Gen∫t & m' Wm Hockaday are Chose Church Wardens in the Room of m' Wm mackain & m' Georg Clough & ware Sworn accordingly by m' m' Wm mackain

It is ordered by this present Vestrty that m' Lancelott Woodward Demand the Church plate plate belonging to the uper Church in the late Wilmanton parijh now in the hands of m' Brown Gen∫t

This Vestrty has agreed with the minister to Build a new Glebe House on the Glebe Land as Soon as they have payd for all the Charges of the new Church now Building

Chichly Thacker ministr
Joseph Allen
Wm Hockaday

Tegt Francis Cook Cleark Vestry

it is Ordered by this present Vestrty that the parijh Levie for this present yeare be fifty one pounds of Tobacco 2 lb pole and that Cap' William Morris high Sherif of this County and Collector of this parijh do Collect the Said Summ of fifty one pounds of Tobacco from Every Indeviudall Tithable perjon in this Parijh Except the pole abatement and that he pay the Said Tobaccoes to the Several respective Parijh Creditors to whome it is due by Inspectors Notes before the Last day of
Aprill Next and that the Clerk of the vejtry take bond with good Sufficient Security of the Said Collector for the payment of the Said Tobacco before he deliver him a Copie of this Order of Vejtry and y' Parish Charg

Teft Frañ Cooke Clerk Vejtry

[44]
at a Vejtry held for Blijland Parish at the Lower Church the 14th day of October 1735

present
the Reverend M' Thacker Minijter
Major Richardjon M' Joseph Allen }Church
Cap' William Kenney M' William Hockaday|wardens
Cap' William Morris M' William Mackain
M' John Doran

This Vejtry proceeds to Lay the Parish Levy
To the Reverend M' Thacker Minijter for his years
 Sallery 16000
To Cañque to D° at 4 ¾ C'
To Francis Cook Clerk of the upper Church for his years
 Sallery 2080
To Thomas Pettus Clerk of the Lower Church for his years Sall
1040
To Francis Shoomaker Sexton at the Lower Church 520
To Richard Warren Sexton at the upper Church 520
To Majo' Kemp for a Copie of the Li{'t' in James City 20
To M' John Dandridge for a Copie of the Li{'t'} of tiths 40
To Dorothy Henry for keeping Lucy Gills 832
To M' William Hockaday for 4 Comunions 400
To John Miller for his years Maintainance 300
To Ann Evans toward her Maintainance 200
To Ballard Dormar for keeping Tho Bates 450
To Sarah Taylor toward her Support 300
To Francis Day for Burying John Hall 200
To Charity Bracket for keeping Jane Crofford one yeare  
600
To Ballance due to M' Hockaday Laft yeare  
237
To Ballance his Acc' this yeare for Delinquents  
120
To Eliz Hurt toward Maintaing her Children  
300

24799

To 15 40' pole on 775 Tithes is  
11625

To 4 40' C' on 36424 is  
36424

37200

The whole parish Debt is  
37881 37881
Ballance due from the Collector  
119 119
By M' Hockaday for Sam' Curll his rent  
Laft yeare  
400 C' 400
By Sam' Curll' rent due this yeare  
400 400

By 775 tithes at 48' 40' pole is 37200  
38000

[45]

It is Ordered by this present Vestry that 600' of Tobacco be Levied for the Suport or Maintainance of Jane Crofford this Enfuing yeare for who Soever will Keep her

It is Ordered by this present Vestry that Edward Lively be Saxton at the Lower Church in the roome of Francis Shoomaker

M' William Hockaday and M' John Doran are Chosen Churchwardens for this Enfuing yeare and were Accordingly Sworn before M' William Mackain a Majestrate for this County

It is Ordered by this present Vestry that Julious Burbidge Collect the parish Tobacco this Enfuing yeare

It is Ordered by this present Vestry that the Churchwardens Vew The Reverend M' Thacker' Barn and if they finde it

*Scratched through in original, but still legible.—C. G. C.
worthy of Repairing to Cause it to be done otherwise to Build a New one

It is Ordered by this present Vestry that the Parish Levie for this present yeare be forty Eight pounds of Tobacco thereof pole and that Mr. Julious Burbidge deputy Sheriff of this County and Collector of this Parish do Collect the Said Summ of forty Eight pounds of Tobacco from Every Individuall tithable person in this parish and upon Refusal of payment of Any part to make distresses According to Law and that he pay the Said Tobaccoes to the Several parish Creditors to whome it is Exprest to be due by Inspectors Notes before the Last day of April Next and that the Clerk of the Vestry Take Bond with good and Sufficient Security of the Said Collector for the payment of the Said Tobacco before he deliver him a Copie of this Order of Vestry and the parish Charge

C Thacker Minister
John Doran
William Hockaday

[46]

At a Vestry held for Blisland Parish at y' Upper Church the 21st day of June 1736

Present
the Revirend Mr. Thacker minister
Mr. William Basset
Mr. William Mackain
Mr. Lancelott Woodward
Mr. George Woodward
Cap't William Morris

Mr. John Richardson being Elected a vestry man for this Parish & having Taken the Oath appointed for a vestry man is admitted one for the future
This vestry hath agreed to Levy the Sum of tenn Thousand Pounds of Tobacco upon the Tithable Persons of this Parish Every year untill they have paid the Sum of two Hundred pounds Corant money for Building a Gleb house upon the glebe of this Parish the S' house to be Built according to the Dementions and Directions of Coll' William Bajsett and the Revirend m' Chichly Thacker, the Tobacco to be Sold by the Church wardens Every year to the best markitt they can gett untill the Said Summ is comply'de with

M' Jeremiah Stanup is Elected a Vestry man for this Parish and ordered that he be Sworn the first opportunity

C Thacker Minist'  
John Doran Chur'  
William Hockaday: Ch'  
Test' Francis Cook Cler: Ves'

[47]

At a vestry held for Blijland Parish at the Uper Church the 18th day of October 1736

Prestant

the Revirand m' Thacker minister  M' John Doran
Maj' Richard Richardson  M' William Hockaday
Cap' William Morris  M' George Woodward
M' William Mackain  M' George Clough
Coll' William Bajsett  M' John Richardjon
M' Lanc' Woodward  M' Jeremiah Stanup

This Vestry Proceeds to Lay the Parish Levie
To the Revi'd m' Thacker minister for his years Sallery 16000
To Cask to Do at 4 £C' 00640
To Fran Cook Clerk at the upper Church his years Sallery 02080
To Tho' Pettus Clerk at the Lower Church his years Sallery 01040
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Ordered that maj' Richard Richardson m' will mackain and m' William Hockaday meet and Settle the account of the Late m' Joseph Allen & M' John Doran for Tobbo Bought of y' Parish

M' John Richardson is Chosen Church warden in y' room of m' William Hockaday & was Sworn accordingly
upon the Petetion of william mackain Gen* his negro boy Jemmey being a crippel, & a naturall fool is discharg'd from paying Parish Levies

[48]
Ordered that the Church wardens Gett the County Surveyer and run the dividing line Between the parish of S' Peters and the Parish of Blisland & that they give the Church Wardens of S' Peters Parish notice thereof
ordered that M' John Doran church Warden Pay Thomas maples four pounds tenn Shill* for keeping anderson Odals Child

Do to Richard Waring Washing the y* Surplis ─ 5=—
Do Leonard Henley his acc' 1= 3=—
and the ball* of m' Hockaday's acc'
Ordered that Julius King Burbidge is the Collecter of the Parish Tobb° this Year he giving Bond & Security as usual

C Thacker min'
John Doran : Chur*
John Richardson

Teft Fran Cook Clerk of the Vestry

At a vejtry held for Bli/land Parish at the Lower Church y* 10th day of october 1737

Present the Reverend M' Thacker Minijter
Coll William Bajsett M' John Doran )Church
Major Richard Richardson M' Jn° Richardson )wardens
Major William Morris Cap' Lanclot Woodward
M' William Mackain M' Georg Woodward
M' Georg Clough M' William Hockaday
M' Jeremiah Stanup M' Leonard Henley

M' Leonard Henley Chofen a vejtryman in y* roome of M' Th° Williams dec'd having this day taken all the oaths apointed
to be Taken to his Majesty King Georg the Second are thereby
Continued veʃtry men for the future

Ordered that his *Hon*™ Letter Sent to this Veʃtry be Rec-

orded which is as followeth

Gentlemen

Being informed that Some Scruple hath arisen among you
whether one who hath taken the Oaths to the Government as a
Justice of peace ought to Take them againe on his Admission in
to the Veʃtry I am to acquaint you the Oaths Ought to be taken
in Every different Capəty one Acts in though Never So often
taken before and that without doing it no man Can be a Veʃtry
man I am Gen™ your Moʃt humble Ser™

William Gooch

[49]

This Veʃtry proceeds to Lay the Parish Levie
To the Reverend M™ Thacker Minιster for his years Sal-
lery 16000
To Caʃque to D° at 4 ¾° C’a 00640
To Francis Cook Clerk at the uper Church his years Sal-
lery 02080
To Tho: Pettus Clerk at the Lower Church his years Sal-
lery 01040
To Richard Warren Sexton at the uper Church 00520
To Edward Lively Sexton at the Lower Church 00520
To the Maintainance of Lucy Gills 00624
To M™ John Dandridg for two Copies of the Lists of
tithes 00040
To M™ Matthew Kemp for the List in James City 00020
To John Miller for his years Suport 00300
To M™ John Richardjon for four Commua™ 400 to paying
M™ Eatons Acc™ 00700
To John Pigg for a dyall poʃt 00050

*Written above another word, probably “Excelencie’s,” which has
been scratched through and is illegible.—C. G. C.
To Robert Taylor towards his Maintainance 00300
To Tobb towards a Gleibe house 10000
To David Pryer for Keeping Tho: Bates last yeare 00450
To Tho: Maples for keeping Anderton Odalls Child 00750
To William Farthing for keeping Tho: Linsey 00700
To William Hatfield for keeping Jane Croford 00350
To Sarah Taylor towards her Maintainance 00300
To Eliz: Hurt towards her Maintainance 00300
To M' Edm's Walker for Seates & harbour 00050
To Daniell Allen Jun's 00060
To M' Rujsell a Levie over Charged Lt yeare 00047
To pay the Ballance of M' Burbidg his Acc't 00460
To Sam' Curll for Burying Rebeckah Smith 00100
To M' John Rich'son for burying Evan Jones 00120
To Sam' Curll for Cureing Sarah Phips 00180
To M' Henley his Acc't 00086
To Rich's Haijelwood for two horse blocks 00250
To Prudence Fijhers Son Cleaning the Church yard 00050

37087

To Sallery on 37087 is 2225

39312

C' By Sam' Curll his Rent 400

38912

It is Ordered by this present Vjtry y' Lewis Deloney be alow'd forty Shill for y' two Windows in y' Gallery & y' he be paid no more money till he hath finished y' Church According to Agreem't.

Coll William Bajsett Elected Churchwarden in y' roome of M' John Doran & Sworn with M' John Rich'son Accordingly

Ordered y' the Governors Letter be recorded in y' Vjtry Book.
This day the Vejtry do hereby Agree y' all the former Orders by them made before they took the Oaths be good and in force
Ordered that M' Burbidg Collect the parijh Tobacco giving Bond with Sufficient Security

C Thacker Minister
William Bajsett  Q  Ch Wardens
John Richardson

Test Frañ Cook Clerk Vejtry

[50]

At a vejtry held for Blijland Parijh at the uper Church y'
12th day of July 1738

Prejent
The Reverend M' Thacker Minister
M' Wm Mackain  M' John Rich'Jon Church warden
Cap' John Doran  M' George Woodward
Cap' Lanclett Woodward  Cap' Wm Hockaday
M' Leonard Henley  M' Jeremiah Stanup

It is Ordered by this prejent Vejtry that M' Wm Mackain
Cap' Wm Hockaday and M' Leonard Henley do Settle all the parijh Acc' the day after Augu't Court Next if faire if not the Next faire day at Coll Wm Bajsett* and Make a return of theire proceedings to the Next vejtry

it is Ordered by this prejent Vejtry that M' Lewi ß Deloney
and M' John Moore do finijh theire work at the Lower Church
According to agreement by the tenth day of October Next and
upon theire failure Ordered that the Churchwardens Imploy
workmen to finijh the Sd Church According to agreement

it is Ordered by this prejent Vejtry that Coll William Bajsett
one of the present Churchwardens agree with Some Majter of a
Ship to Carry Honour Moore to Brif'toll and also to allow her
Something to beare her Charges from Brif'toll to Irland and
bring his Charge to the vejtry and it Shall be alowed him
James Brown petitioned this Vestry to be Levy free and he appearing a Cripple & very Unable to Labour it is Ordered that he be discharged from paying parish Levies for the future and also discharged from all arears of parish Levies Now due

C Thacker Min'
John Rich's Jon Churchwarden

Test Frañ. Cook Clerk vestry

[51]

At a Vestry held for Blijland Parish at the Uper Church Octobe' y* 12th 1738

present The Reverend M' Thacker Minister

Coll Wm Bajsett M' John Rich's Jon

Churchwardens

Major Rich'a Rich's Jon M' George Woodward
M' Wm Mackain M' Lancl'i Woodward
Cap'i John Doran M' Jeremiah Stanup
Cap'i Wm Hockaday M' Georg Clough
Majo' Wm Morris Vestrymen

This Vestry proceeds to Lay the parish Levy
To the Rever'd. M' Thacker Minij't' for his years Sal-

dery 16000
To Cañque to D' at 4 p' C' 00640
To Frañ Cook Clerk at the upper Church 02080
To Tho: Pettus Clerk at the Lower Church 01248
To Rich'a Warren Sexton at the upper Church 00520
To Ed: Lively Sexton at the Lower Church 00520
To Rich'a Warren for washing y* Surplus two years 00100
To Ed: Lively for washing the Surplus two years 00100
To the Maintainance of Lucy Gills 00624
To John Miller toward his Maintainance 00300
To M' John Rich's Jon for four Communions 00400
To Ballard Dormar for keeping Tho: Bates 00119
To Ann Gla\brook for keeing Sam'' Pauley 00462
To M' John Richardjon for planting trees at the Lower
  Church 00050
To Robert Taylor toward his Maintainance 00300
To M' Mackain being Over Charg'd La\ft year 3 tithes 00144
To M' John Dandridg his Acc't 00081
To M' Kemp for a Copie of the Lift of Tiths 00018
To Sarah Haukins for Cureing John Hill'' Legg 00500
To Eliz: Hurt towards her Maintainance 00300
To Tho: Maples for keeping Anderson Odals Child 00750
To Wm Shelbourn for Cleaning y'' yard at y'' Lower
  Church 00048
To Sarah Taylor toward her Maintainance 00300
To Ballard Dormar for burying Tho: Bates 00075
To M' Julious King Burbidge his Acc't. 00400
To Cap' Doran for Salevateing Eliz: Philbates 01000
To tobb: Levied toward the Gleibe houje 10000

37079
To Salery @ 6 % C' on 37079 2225

39304
By Sam'' Curls Rent 400

38904
By 809 Tiths @ 48 % pol 38832
Bal due to y'' Collector 72

38904

Turn Over
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Turn over

it is Ordered by this present that y^e Churchwardens Agree with Charles Rawson to keep Honour Moore for five hundred pounds of tobb & Caʃque till October Next

it is Ordered that Coll William Baʃsett do Build a Brick Chimney & other Neʃesaryes to M^e Thackers kitchin

it is Ordered that the Churchwardens do pay M^e Pennington^e Acc^ of thirty Shillings

it is Ordered that the Churchwardens do lett Sarah Hatfeild have two barells of Corn & Cotten to her a pettycoate

it is Ordered that Joyce Odall do keep Anderson Odals Child for five hundred pounds of tobb & Caʃque a yeare

Coll William Baʃsett & Cap^ William Hockaday are Chosen Church wardens for this present yeare & Sworn Accordingly

it is Ordered by this present Veʃtry that the pariʃh Levie for this present yeare be forty Eight pounds of Tobb: p^ pole & Coll William Baʃsett & Cap^ Wm: Hockaday Churchwardens for the Said pariʃh are apointed to Collect & receive the Said Sum^ of forty Eight pounds of tobacco from Every Indevidual tithable perʃon within this pariʃh & in Caʃe of refuʃall of pay-ment of any part thereof to Levie the Same by diʃtreaʃs Accord-ing to Law the Said Coll: Baʃsett & Cap^ Hockaday firʃt Entering into bond with good & Suficient Security to the Veʃtry for the Uʃe of this pariʃh for the payment of the Said Severall Sums of tobacco to the Severall respective pariʃh Creditors to whome it is due According as they are Mentioned & Expreʃt in the pariʃh Charg and it is alʃo Ordered that the Clerk of the Veʃtry take Bond as aforefajd before he deliver a Copie of the pariʃh Charg and of this Order of Veʃtry to the Collectors

C Thacker Min^e
W^m Baʃsett Churchwardens
W^m Hockaday
At a Vestry held for Blijland Parish at the Lower Church y° 8th day of October 1739

The Reverend Mr. Thacker Minister
Cap't William Hockaday Church Warden

Major William Morris  Cap't John Doran
Mr. William Mackain  Mr. Lanclot Woodward
Mr. Georg Woodward  Mr. Jeremiah Stanup
Mr. Georg Clough  Mr. Leonard Henley

This present Vestry proceeds to Lay the parish Levi
Blijland parish D'

To the Reverend Mr. Thacker Minister Casque Included  16640
To Fran Cook Clerk at the upper Church Casque Included  2080
To Mr. Tho: Pettus Clerk at the Lower Church Casque Included  1248
To Richard Warren Sexton at y° Upper Church Casque Included  520
To Ditto for Wajhing the Surplus  50
To Edward Lively Sexton at the Lower Church the Same  570
To Lucy Gills towards her Maintainanc  624
To John Miller towards his Maintainanc  300
To Ann Glaibrook for keeping Samuell Pauley  738
To Cap't William Hockaday for four Communions  400
To Ditto his Account given the Vestry  1000
To Robert Taylor toward his Maintainanc  600
To Tho: Maples for keeping Anderjon Odals Child  500
To Augustine Shelbourn for keeping Sarah Taylor  300
To Cap't Doran for Sallevating Eliz filbates  350
To Mr. Mary Kenney for keeping Eliz forgijon  400
To Mr. John Richardson for the Quitrents of the Gleibe  44
To the Churchwardens for the u:se of James filbates  300
To William Farthing for keeping Tho: Linjey two years  1224
To Coll Basset by Orde of Charles Rawson for keeping Honour Moore $520
To tobacco Levied to be Sold for the Use of the parish $5000
To Major Dandridge for two Copies of the List $36
To M' Matt Kemp $18
To Julius K Burbidge the Ballance of his Acc' $197

33659

To Sallary @ 6 p' C' on D'

35679

To a Depositum in the Collectors hands

147

35826

Turn over

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Turn Over
it is Ordered by this present Vestry that John Maning bee discharged from paying Parish Levies
it is Ordered by this present Vestry that William Fox be discharged from paying Parish Levies
it is Ordered by this present Vestry that Augustin Shelbourn for keeping Sarah Taylor this Insuing year five hundred of tobb and Cañque
it is Ordered by this present Vestry that the Church Wardens Take Care of William Tanner for the Insuing yeare and allow him what they think in their discretion is Neceary for his Subsistance and bring their Account to the Vestry and it Shall be allowed
it is Ordered by this present Vestry that Ballard Dormar be allowed for this Insuing yeare Six hundred pounds of tobb and Cañque for Keeping and Maintaining David Dormar for the yeare Insuing
it is Ordered by this prejent vejtry that Cap' John Doran ad-
minefter Such Cure as he Can poßible to David Dormar for the
Insuing yeare and that he bring his Account to the Next vejtry
when the Levie is Laid and he Shall be paid

it is Ordered by this prejent Veļtry that the Widow Fijhers
Sons be diʃcharged from paying Pariļh Levie this Insuing yeare
it is Ordered by this prejent Veļtry that Cap' John Doran and
M' William Mackain proportion the Pariļh Levie

M' Georg Woodward this Veļtry hath Relinquished his place
of a Veļtry man and he is hereby diʃmiʃt from the Said Ofice
Cap' Edwin Dangerfield is hereby Apointed a Veļtry man in
the Roome of the Said Woodward for the future and Sworn
Accordingly

Cap' John Doran and M' Leonard Henley were Chosen
Churchwardens and was Sworn Accordingly

it is Ordered that Samuell Curle have two hundred pounds of
tobb allowed him out of his Rent the Next yeare for Reparations
done on the Gleibe

Purjuant to an Order of Veļtry wee the Subcribers have
proportioned the pariļh Levie and find it to be forty two pounds
of tobb ὧ(polle and a depoʃitum of one hundred and forty Seven
pounds of tobb in the Collectors hands to be by him Accounted
for at the Laying of the next pariļh Levie October y° 20 1739

John Doran
William Mackain

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it is Ordered by this prejent Veļtry y° the pariļh Levie for
this prejent yeare be forty & two pounds of tobb ὧ(polle &
that M' John Allen Sub-jherif of this County is apointed to
Collect and Receive the Said Summ of forty two pounds of
tobb Every Individuall Tithable perʃon within this pariļh & in
Caʃe of refuʃiall of payment of any part thereof to Levie the
Same by diʃtreʃs according to Law the Said Allen firʃt Entring
into Bond with good & Sufitient Security to the Vestr\{y of this\} parish for the payment of the Said Severall Sums of tobacco to the Severall respective parish Creditors to whome it is due According as they are Mentioned and Expres\{t\} in the parish Charge and it is also ordered that the Clerk of the Vestr\{y\} take Bond as afores\{aid\} before he deliver a Copie of the of the parish Charg and of this Order of Vestr\{y\} to the Collector

C Thacker Minister
John Doran C Warden

Te\{st\} Fra\{n\} Cook Clerk Vestr\{y\}

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At a Vestr\{y\} held for Bli\{s\}land Parish at the upper Church the 29th day of September 1740

present
the Reverend M'r Thacker Minister
Coll William Bajsett Cap't John Doran \{\} warden
Cap't Edwin Dangerfield M'r Leonard Henley \{\} Church
Cap't William Hockaday M'r Lanclot Woodward
M'r John Richardson

This Vestr\{y\} proceeds to Lay the Parish Levie
To the Reverend Chichley Thacker Minister his years Salery 16000
To Ca\{j\}que to D'. 00640
To Francis Cook Clerk at the upper Church 02080
to Tho Pettus Clerk at the Lower Church 1248
to Richard Warren Sexton at the Uper Church 570
to Ed: Liveley Sexton at the Lower Church 607
to the Maintainance of Lucy Gills 624
to John Miller toward his Maintainance 300
to Charles Rawson for keeping Honour Moore 570
to M'r Henley for four Communions 400
to M'r Dandridg for two Copies of the Lists of Tithes 36
to Augustin Shelbourn for keeping Sarah Taylor 300
to Ann Glajbrook for keeping Sam Pauley 400
to Wm Farthing for keeping Tho: Linjey 600
to Tho: Taylor for keeping Eliz: Hurts 3 Children 400
to Major Richardson for his trouble with David Dormar 300
to Ballard Dormar for keeping his Son David 624
to Ann Evans for Maintainance of her Daughter Eliz. 400

to James Forester for one Levie overcharged Laft yeare 42

to M' John Dandridg his Acc' allowed 125
to the Clerk of James Citty 18
to Julious Burbidge for Tho Smith 162
to M' John Allen his Account for delinquents 691

27037

To 6 60 C' to D'

1627

28764

C' By 826 at 35 60 polle 28910

To a depositum in The Collectors hands 146

John Power John Allen & Richmond Terill Gent are Chosen Vejtrymen in the Roome of Wm Mackain Georg Clough Deceajt & Wm Morris Gent Removed out of the County who Took the Oaths appointed by the Goverment and Subscribed the Tefjt Accordingly

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Ordered that Charles Whitehead be discharged from paying Parijh Levie for the year 1740

Ordered that Stephen Manning be discharged from paying parijh Levie for the Enfuing yeare

Ordered that John Doran & Leonard Henley Gen' be Con-tinued C Wardens

Ordered that Wm Hockaday Leonard & John Allen Gen' Settle the Account between Coll William Baʃsett & the parijh
Ordered that the parish Levie for this present yeare be 28744 thirty five pounds of tobb & that Cap' John Doran and M' Leonard Henley Churchwardens for this Parish are appointed to Collect and receive the Saide Summ of thirty five pounds of Tobb from Every Individuall Tithable person within this parish and in Caje of refusall of payment of any part thereof to Levie the Same by dijtrejs according to Law the Said Wardens firjt Entering into Bond with good & Suficent Security to the Vestry of this parish for the payment of the Said Severall Sums of Tobb to the Severall Respective Parish Creditors to whome it is due According as they are Mentioned and Exprejt in the parish Charg and it is also Ordered that the Clerk of the Vestry take Bond as aforefald before he deliver a Copie of the parish Charg and of this Order of Vestry to the Collectors

C. Thacker Minister
John Doran Church Warden
Leonard Henley Church Ward

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At a Vestry held for Blijland Parish at the Lower Church the 15 day of October 1741

Present ye' Rever'd M' Thacker Minijt'
Coll William Bajsett Cap' John Doran Church
Cap' Edwin Dangerfield M' Leonard Henley Wardns
Cap' William Hocaday M' Lanclot Woodward
M' John Richardjon M' Richard Rich'jon
M' Richmon Terrell M' Jeremiah Stanup

This Vestry proceeds to Lay ye' Parish Levie
To the Reverend M' Thacker his years Sallery 16000
to Cajeque to D' 00640
to Francis Cook Clerk of ye' Uper Church his Sallery 02080
to Tho Pettus Clerk at ye' Lower Church his Sallery 01248
to Rich' Warren Sexton & washing ye' Surplus 00570

*These five figures erased in original, but still legible.—C. G. C.
to Edward Liveley to D* 00570

to the Maintainanc of Lucy Gills 00624
towards the Maintainanc of John Miller 00300
to M' Henley for four Comunions 00400
to M' John Dandridg for two Copies of the Lift* 00036
to M' Benj Waller for one Copie 00018
to Rich* Gaddey for Burying Eliz Evans 00150
to Augu§tin Shelbourn for Keeping Sarah Taylor 6 moneths & burying 00520
to James Shelbourn for keeping his Brother till this time 00800
to Ballard Dormar for keeping his Son David till now 00624
to M'' Tho* Oakley for keeping Honour Moore 00700
to M'' Mary Holdcraft for Makeing the harbour 00035
to Edward Lin§ey for burying Eliz Hurt 00100
to M' William Rountree Jun' his Acc' 00160
to Sarah Haukins for keeping Eliz Baker Six moneths 00300
to Charity Bracket for keeping John Son of Randall Wms for the time past it being Six Moneths 00300
to Cap' John Doran for keeping keen foulks & Ca§que 02080
to Cap' Doran for Francis Day & Ca§que 00832
Towards paying Coll Bajsett' Acc' 03000
to Cap' Doran for Prudence Fijher 00400
to M' John Allen for Delinquents & Quitrents 00271

32758

To 6 ² C' for Sallery on 32758 01965
By M' Leonard Henley for Supernumary tithes 00234
By Cap' Wm Hockaday Francis Brookers Levie 00034

34902

By 831 Tiths at 42 ² pole 35171
To Deposited in the Collectors hands to be Accounted for Next yeare 448
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It is Ordred by this prejent Vejtry that the Churchwardens do agree with Workmen to Cover y° Dary on the Gleibe with Shingles & to Cover y° Quarter with Clapboards & to build a Shed at y° End of the Barn & Cover it with Shingles

it is agreed with Cap' Jn° Doran to keep Keen Foulks y° Ensuing yeare for one Thou'and ° of Tob° & Ca°
agreed with Cap' Jn° Doran to find Francis Day in Medicins the Ensuing yeare without any farther Reward

Ordered y° Francis Cook have 200 ° of Tobacco for keeping Henry y° Ensuing yeare

Ordered y° M' William Slater° Bond to Pauley be Comen° to y° Clerk of y° parish

Ordered y° Francis Day be dijcharg° from paying parish Levie y° Ensuing yeare

Cap' Edwin Dangerfeild & M° Lanclot Woodward are Chosen Churchwardens in the roome of Cap° Doran & M° Henley & Sworn accordingly

Ordered y° Richard Bull be discharg° from paying parish Levie

It is Ordered by this present Vejtry y° the parish Levie for this present yeare be forty & two pounds of Tobacco ° pole & that Cap' Edwin Dangerfeild and M° Lanclot Woodward Churchwardens for this parish do Collect the Said Summ of forty two pounds of Tobacco from Every Individuall Tithable person within this parish & upon refuall of payment to Levie the Same by di∫trefs according to Law y° Said wardens first Entering into Bond with good & Sufficient Security to the present Vejtry of this parish for the UJe of the parish for the payment of the Said Sums of tobacco to the Severall respective parish Creditors to whome it is due by Inspectors Notes by the Last day of May Next and it is also Ordered that the Clerk of the Vejtry take Bond as aforejaid before he deliver a Copie
of the parish Charg & of this Order of Vestry to the Said Collectors

Chichely Thacker Min'
Edwin Daingerfield &
Lanclot Woodward

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At a Vestry held for Blisland Parish at the upper Church the 15th Day of October Anno 4 1742

Prejent
The Rever4 C. Thacker Min'
Maj'. Edwin Daingerfield &
M'. Lancelott Woodward &

William Bajett Esq'
Cap' John Doran.
Cap' William Hockaday

M'. John Richardson
M'. Leonard Henley
M'. Richmond Terrel

This Vestry Proceeds to lay the Parish Levy
B. Parish D'.

To the Rever'd C. Thacker Minister his years Sallery 16000
To Cask to D°. 640
To M'. Francis Cook, Clerk of the Church & Vestry Including Cask 2080
To M'. Tho'. Pettus Clerk of the Lower Church Including D° 1248
To Richard Warren Sexton at the upper Church & washing the Surplus 570
To Edward Lively Sexton at the Lower Church & washing the D° 570
To the Maintainance of Lucy Gills 624
To the Maintainance of John Miller 300
To the Maintainance of Tho'. Lindjey two years 1248
To the Maintainance of David Dormer 624
To M'. Francis Cook for keeping Henry bear 200
To Maj'. Edwin Daingerfield for four Communions 400
To Peter Ball for keeping Hon'. Moore 500
To Elenor Pitman 300
To M'. Tho'. Taylor for keeping Hurts three Children two years Past, & Randal Williams's Dec'd. two months & a halfe, includeing Cask 624
To Francis Day 300
To M'. John Woodward Jun' & Charity Bracket for keeping John Williams Son of Randal Williams Dec'd. 600
To M' Richard Allen on Levy overcharg'd 42
To James Shelbourn, for keeping Tho'. Shelbourn five months And Burying him 500', & Cask 20' 520
To Sarah Hawkins, for keeping Eliz' Barker 430
To M'. Lancelott Woodward, for keeping Eliz' Barker 460
To D'. for Stephen Jones, & James Philbates Delinquents 84
To Maj'''. John Dandridge for two Copies of the list of Titheables 36
To M'. Benjamine Waller for one D' 18
To M' John Allen the Ballance of his Acco'. 657

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Brought 29075
Brought over 29075
To William Bajsett Esq'. to Discharge his acco'. Fifteen Pounds, Six Shillings & Eight Pence halfe penny 2534
To Maj'. Edwin Daingerfield, to the Ballance of his acco'. Four Pounds ten shilllings 720
To M'. Richmond Terrel the Ballance of his Acco'. Three Pound four shilllings 512
To M'. Richard Gaddey the Ballance of his acc'. One Pound five shilllings 200
To M'. Benj'. Allen the Ballance of his acco'. Three
Pound 480
To M'. Lancelot Woodward the Ballance of his
acco'. Seven shillings & ten Pence 63
To Cap'. John Doran for keeping Keen Foulks last
year One Thousand Pounds of Tob" & Cask 1040
To Cap'. John Doran for Cutting of Keen Foulks's
leg Eleven Hundred & Cask 1144
To Keen Foulks's Board from this time till this
time twelvemonth 1200

36968
To 6 2/3 Cent for Sallery on 36968 2242

39210
To Depositium in the Collectors hands to be acco".
for next year 120

39330
Credit By 828 Tithes at 47½ 2/3 Poll 39330

Maj". Edwin Daingerfield & M'. Lancelott Woodward
are Continued Church Wardens
Order'd by this Prefent Vestry that Stephen Maning be
Discharg'd From Paying his Parish Levy
Order'd by this Prefent Vestry that Fancis Day be Dis-
charg'd From Paying his Parish Levy
Order'd by this Prefent Vestry that the Churchwardens
bind out John Williams Son of Randal Williams Dec'
Order'd by this Prefent Vestry that Samuel Curle be
Discharg'd From Paying his Parish Levy
Order'd by this Prefent Vestry that Tho'. Lyon Sen'. be
Discharg'd From Paying his Parish Levy

Turn over
Turn'd over
This Present Vestry M' Francis Cook Declin'd being Clerk of The Church & Vestry, Dudley Williams was Chosen in his room Haveing Taken the Oaths accordingly.
Richard Warren haveing Declin'd Serving as Sexton of the Upper Church, David Gray is Chosen in his room.

Order'd by this Present Vestry that the Parish Levy for this Present year be forty Seven Pounds & a halfe of Tob. Poll & that Maj'. Edwin Daingerfield & M'. Lancelott Woodward Churchwardens for this Parish Do Collect the S' Sum of Forty Seven & a halfe pounds of Tob. from Every individual Titheable Person within this Parish, and upon Refusal of Payment, to Levy the Same by distress according to Law. The S' Wardens first Entering into Bond with good & Sufficient Security to the Present Vestry of this Parish, for the use of the Parish, for the Payment of the S'. Sums of Tob. to the Several respective Parish Creditors to whom it is due, by Inspectors notes by the last day of May Next, and it is also order'd that the Clark of the Vestry take Bond As afores', before he deliver a Copy of the Parish Charge and of The order of Vestry to the S'. Collectors.

Sign'd By
Chicheley Thacker Minis'.
Edwin Daingerfield
Lancelott Woodward

Churchwardens

Copy Test Dudley Williams Clark of the Vestry.

At a Vestry held for Blisland Parish, at the upper Church.
The 17th Day of December 1742.

Present
M'. Chicheley Thacker Minis'. William Baseett Esq Cap'.
John Doran; Maj'' Edwin Daingerfield & M' Lancelott
Woodward Churchwardens; Cap’ William Hockaday, M’ Jeremiah Stanup, M’ Jn° Rich’son, M’ Leonard Henley, M’ Richmond Terrell

Cap’. John Power being formerly Chosen a Vestryman Was Sworn, by W™ Bajsett Esq

Doctor Tho' Arnott Chosen a Vestryman in the room of Maj’. Richard Richardson, order’d That he be Sworn accordingly


Order’d by this present Vestry That Cap’ William Hockaday, Cap’. John Power M’ John Richardson & M’ Leonard Henley, that they lay of a Yard at the Lower Church and Agree with workmen to brick it in

Order’d by this present Vestry that Sarah Hawkins have Five Hundred Pounds of Tob° for Keeping John Hill, From this time till the laying the next Parish Levy

Sign’d By
Chicheley Thacker Min’.
Edwin Daingerfield Church
Lancelott Woodward Wardens

Copy Test. Dudley Williams Clk Vestry

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At a Vestry held for Blesland Parish at the lower Church the 18th. day of october. 1743

Present

This Vestry proceeds to lay y*. parish Levy
Blisland Parish
Dr.
To the Rever’d M’. Thacker, his years Sallery 16000
To Cask to Ditto 640
To M’. Tho*. Pettus Clark of the lower Church includeing Cask 1040
To Dudley Williams Clark of the upper Church includeing Cask 1560
To David Gray Sexton of the upper Church & washing the Surp*. 570
To Edward Lively Sexton of the lower Church & washing the Surp*. 570
To the maintainance of Lucy Gills 624
To the maintainance of John Miller 300
To the maintainance of Tho*. Lindsey 624
To the maintainance of David Dormer 624
To Joseph Lindsey 300
To Elenor Pitman 300
To M’. William Parks, for advertiseing workmen for the Ch. wall 56
To Maj’. John Dandridge, for two copies of the list of Titheables 36
To M’. Benj*. Waller for one copy of the list of Titheables 18
To Sarah Hawkins for keeping Eliz th. Barker 700
To M’. Richmond Terrel for Keeping Richard Bull 500
To Cap*. John Doran for Cureing Anne Gibson 1040
To Rich*. Farthing for keeping Jn*. Williams Son of Randal Williams Dec* till the last day of Nov’.

To M’. John Woodward Jun’. for keeping the Same child 100
To M’. Fra’s Cook, for Henry Nears 300
To M’. Lancelott Woodward for one delinq’. Tythe 47½
To Maj’. Edwin Daingerfield for four Communions 400
To M'. John Allen 219
To Coll". Wm. Bajsett, for cloathing Keen Foulks & Hon'. More 300
To Maj' Edwin Daingerfield for makeing Bricks, & makeing A Brick wall round the Church 16000

43468½ Debt

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Debt brought over 43468½
Credit By M'. Lanc". Woodward for Sam' Curll's rent in the year 1742 235

43233½

To 6 P. Cent for Sallery on 43233½¹⁄₁₈ Tobº 2594

45827 Credit By 858 Tythes at 53½ ⁹⁄₁₀ poll 45903

To a Depositium in the collectors hands to be Paid to the Parish next year 76

Cap'. John Doran sherriff is appointed collector, giveing Bond and Security as usual

Cap'. John Power, & M' Richmond Terrel are chosen Ch wardens in the room of Maj'. Edwin Daingerfield & M'. Lancelott Woodward, & Sworn accordingly

Order'd by this present Vestry, that Sam". Curll, be dis-charg'd from paying his rent on the glebe two year, & build a Tobº. house on it four & twenty foot long & sixteen foot wide, & do it workman-like, & also that he be dis-charg'd from paying his quitrents two year

Order'd that the register-books that did belong to Wilmington Parish, be carried to, the Rev. M'. Thackers

Order'd that the Ch. wardens, Maj'. Edwin Daingerfield, Cap'. William Hockaday, M'. Lanc". Woodward, M'.
Leonard Henley. & M'. John Richardson or any three of them, go with the Surveyor of James City County, & run the line between Blisland Parish and St peters Parish. according to the act of assembly
'Tis agreed by this present Vestry that Maj'. Edwin Daingerfield have the Sixteen thousand pounds of Tob'. that is levied for the Church wall at twelve Shillings & Six pence & hundred, & that The Collector pay it to him by July Court next

Sign'd By Chicheley Thacker Min'
John Power
Richmond Terrel}
Ch wardens

Copia Test. Dudley Williams Cler Vestry

Order'd

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Order'd by this present Vestry that the Parish levy for this p'ient year be fifty three & a halfe pounds of Tob'. p'. poll. & that John Doran Gent. do collect the Said Sum of fifty three & a halfe pounds of Tob'. from every Individual titheable person within this Parish and upon refusal of payment to levy the Same by distre's accord to Law, the S'. John Doran Gent. first entring into Bond with good & Sufficient Security, to the present Vestry of this Parish, for the use of the Parish, for the payment of the S'. Sums of Tob'. to the Several respective Parish Creditors to whom it is due, by Inspectors notes by the last day of May next, and it is also order'd that the Clark of the Vestry take Bond as afores'd before he deliver a copy of the Parish charge and of the order of Vestry to the Said collector

Test Dudley Williams Clk. Vestry

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At a vestry held for Blisland Parish at the upper Church the 15th Day of October 1744,
Present,


This vestry proceeds to lay the Parish Levy

Blisland Parish

To the Rev'd M'. Thacker his years Sallery 16000
To Cask to Ditto 640
To Tho'. Pettus Clerk of the lower Church 1000 & Cask 40 1040
To Dudley Williams Clerk of the upper Church & vestry 1500 & Cask 60 1560
To David Gray Sexton at the upper Church 500 & washing the Surplice 70 570
To Edward Lively Sexton at the lower Church 500 & washing the Surplice 70 570
To the maintainance of Lucy Gills 624
To the maintainance of John Miller 300
To the maintainance of Tho'. Lindsey 624
To the maintainance of David Dormer 624
To Joseph Lindsey 500
To Eleanor Pitman 300
To Maj'. John Dandridge for two copies of the list of Titheables 36
To M'. Benj'. Waller for one D'. 18
To the maintainance of Hon'. Moore, to be paid M'. Thornton 800
To the maintainance of Hon'. Moore 3 months, to be paid Charles Rawson 200
To Sarah Hawkins for keeping Elizabeth Barker 700
To Sarah Hawkins for keeping John Hill till this time 700
To M'. Richmond Terril for keeping Richard Bull last year 600
To Francis Day 1000
To Cap'. John Power four Commun's. 400
To Cap'. John Power for his cash acco'. £ 6 || 11 at 9' 11' 11' Cent 1446
To Sarah Tirey 1000
To M'. Richmond Terrel for 2½ Barrels of corn at 8' 4' Barrel 227
To Keen Foulks 1000
To Tho'. Oakley 275
To Tho'. Oakley for cash 7
To David Pryour for keeping Tho'. Holdcroft's child 624
To Julius K. Burbidge for Delinq' 695
To pay the Surveyor for running the Parish line 450

33530
To 6 p Cent on 33530'' Tob' for Collecting 2011
35541
D'. C'. By 892 Tythes at 40 4' poll 35680
A Depositium in the Collectors hands of 139

Turn over

Cap'.

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Cap'. William Hockaday Sherriff is appointed Collector for this present year, giving Bond and Security as usual;
Order'd that the Churchwardens agree with Some person to build a Smoak house for The Rev. M'. Thacker 12 foot square
M'. Thruston James is appointed a Vestryman in the room of of Wm. Bajsett Gen', Dec'd
M'. David Williams was this day Sworn a Vestryman in the room of John Doran Gen'. Dec'd;
Doctor Tho". Arnott was this day Sworn a Vestryman in the room of Richard Richardson Gen'. Dec'd;
Cap'. John Power, & M'. Richmond Terril are continued Churchwardens for the ensuing year

Sign'd By
C. Thacker Minister
John Power
Richmond Terril
Ch Wardens

Copia Test Dudley Williams Cler. Vestry

Tis order'd by this present Vestry that the Parish levy for this present year be forty pounds of Tob°. p. poll & that William Hockaday Gent. do collect the Said Sum of forty pounds of Tob° from every individual Titheable person within this Parish, and upon refusal of payment to levy the Same by distrejs according to Law the Said William Hockaday Gent. first entering into Bond with good and Sufficient Security to the present Vestry of this Parish for the use of the Parish for the paym'. of the Said Sums of Tob°. to the Several respective Parish creditors to whom it is due by Inspectors notes by the last day of May next; and it is also order'd that the Clerk of the Vestry take Bond as aforesaid before he deliver a Copy of the Parish Charge and order of Vestry to the Said Collector

Test Dudley Williams Clerk of the Vestry

At a Vestry held for Blisland Parish at the upper Church the 23°. day of Sept'. 1745.

Present; the Rev. M'. Thacker; Cap'. John Power, and M'. Richmond Terril, Church Wardens; Maj'. Edwin Dingerfield, Cap'. William Hockaday, M'. Lancelott Woodward. M'. John Richardson, M'. Leonard Henley, M' John Rujsel, and M'. Thruston James

M'. Thruston James being chosen a Vestryman the last Vestry, was this day Sworn accordingly
Cap'. Rob'. Pennington is chosen a Vestryman in the room of M'. Jer. Stanhope Dec'd
M'. Julius K. Burbidge is chosen a Vestryman in the room of M'. David Williams Dec'd
'Tis order'd by this present Vestry that the Churchwardens give publick notice (by advertizeing in the Gazetts) that the upper Church in Blisland Parish is to be repair'd as followeth, (Viz.) to be new cover'd with Cypres Shingles & a new floor laid, whitewash'd & painted inside and out, the Church yard wall repair'd, & new gates made
'Tis order'd that the Churchwardens give notice for the workmen to meet the Gent. of the Vestry, the Second Tuesday in Nov'. next at the upper Church to agree about repairing the Church

Sign'd By C. Thacker Min'.
John Power Richm'. Terrel } Ch warden

Test Dudley Williams Clerk o' the Vestry

At
[69]
At a Vestry held for Blisland Parish at the lower Church the 8th Day of October 1745

Present the Rev. M'. Thacker, Cap'. John Power and M'. Richmond Terrell Church wardens, Cap'. William Hockaday, Cap'. Robert Pennington, M'. Leonard Henley, M'. John Richardson, M'. Julius King Burbidge and M' Thruston James

This Vestry proceeds to lay the Parish levy
Blisland Parish D'.
To the Rev. M'. Thacker his years Sallery 16000 To 16640
To Cask to D° 640 1040
To M'. Tho'. Pettus Clerk of the lower Church 1000
To Dudley Williams Clerk of the upper Church and Vestry 1500 To Cask to D°. 60 1560
To David Gray Sexton at the upper Church 500 To Cask to D°. 20 520
To Edward Lively Sexton at the lower Church 500 To D°. to D°. 20 To washing Surp°. 50 570
To the maintainance of Lucy Gills 624
To the Ditto of Tho°. Lindsey 624
To D°. David Dormer 200
To D°. Joseph Lindsey 800
To D°. Eleanor Pitman 300
To D°. David Gray 150
To D°. Keen Foulks 500
To D°. Fran°. Day 1000
To D°. William Fox 800
To M°. Richard Allen for washing and mending the Surplice 74
To Maj°. John Dandridge for two Copies of the list of Tithes 36
To M°. Benj°. Waller for one D°. 18
To M°. John Merrideth for services done at the glebe 480
To Cap°. John Power for four Communions 400
To Keziah Charlton for keeping Elizabeth Barker and her child 850
To M°. Richmond Terrel for keeping Richard Bull 600
To D°. his acco°. £ 3||9° Tob° at 1½ ||p°. pound 552
To D°. his acco°. for quitrents of the Glebe land two years 192
To Ballard Dormer for one Tythe overcharg'd 40
To M°. John Allen 60
To D°. for James Holdcroft Son of Tho°. Holdcroft 1000
To David Pryor 624
To repairing the Church 13000

43354
D. C. By Cap†. William Hockaday Parish Collector 1059

42295

D. D. To 6 2/3 Cent for Collecting 42295½ Tob 2537

44832

D. C. By 876 Tythes at 51½ ⅞ poll 45113

To a Depositium in the Collectors hands 281

Cap†

[70]

Cap†. William Hockaday and M†. Thruston James are chosen Church Wardens (in the room of Cap†. John Power and M†. Richmond Terrell) and was Sworn accordingly

Cap†. William Hockaday Sherriff and Churchwarden is appointed Collector for the ensuing year giving Bond and Security as usual

Order'd by this present Vestry that Sus*. Wallis be discharg'd from paying her Parish levy

Order'd that the Rev. M†. Thacker Send for a Set of Plate for the lower Church

Order'd that the Churchwardens receive five pounds Current money of Cap†. Robert Pennington which was given to the poor of the Parish by Cap†. William Kenney Dec'd

Agreed with M†. John Allen that he take James Holdcroft Son of Tho*, Holdcroft immediately from David Pryors and keep him clear of any Charge of the Parish in Consideration of which he is to have a thousand pounds of Tob°. the ensuing year

Order'd that Cap†. John Power Cap†. Robert Pennington and M†. Julius K. Burbidge meet and proportion the Parish Levy

Order'd that Moll a Negro Woman belonging to Mary Crutchfield be discharg'd from paying her Parish levy
Cap'. Robert Pennington and M'. Julius King Burbidge being chosen Vestrymen last Vestry were this day Sworn accordingly

Order'd that the lower Church be painted inside and out, when the upper Church is painted

Sign'd By     C Thacker Min'
William Hockaday Ch warden
Thruston James Ch warden

Copy Test     Dudley Williams Clerk o' th' Vestry

'Tis order'd by this present Vestry that the Parish levy for this present year be fifty one and a halfe pounds of Tob'. p. poll and that William Hockaday Gent Sherriff of New Kent County do collect the Said Sum of fifty one pounds and a halfe of Tob'. from every individual Tithe-able person within this Parish and upon refusal of payment to levy the Same by distres according to law the Said W™. Hockaday first entring into Bond with good and Sufficient Security to the present Vestry of this Parish for the use of the Parish for the payment of the Said Sums of Tob'. to the Several respective Parish Creditors to whom it is due by Inspectors notes by the last day of May next, and it is also order'd that the Clerk of the Vestry take Bond as aforesaid before he deliver a Copy of the Parish charge and order of Vestry to the Said Collector

Test     Dudley Williams Clerk o' the Vestry

At [71]

At a Vestry held for Blisland Parish at the upper Church the 18th. day of April 1746

Terrel, M'. Julius K. Burbidge and M'. John RusseJ Junior

Agreed by the Said Vestry that an addition be made to the upper Church in the said Parish as followeth (viz) Thirty three feet long from outside to outside, and twenty three feet wide from outside to outside, and two sash windows on each side the Sᵗ. Addition, and a folding door at the end the addition made of brick, (and the Ile laid with brick,) and cover'd with Cypres Shingles, and plaister'd and whitewash'd

Order'd that the Church Wardens give public notice (by advertiseing in the Gazette) for workmen to meet the Gentlemen of the Vestry the Second Tuesday in May next at the upper Church of the Said Parish to agree about undertaking the Said Addition

Order'd that the Church Wardens sell the Tob. which is levied for repairing the Church at publick auction

M'. Richard Allen is chosen a Vestryman in the room of M'. Thomas Arnott, and was Sworn accordingly by Maj'. Edwin Daingerfield

Order'd that Robert Manning be discharg'd from paying his Parish levy

Order'd that Nicholas Valentine be discharg'd from paying his Parish Levy

Order'd that Isabella Gray be Sexton of the upper Church till laying the next Parish levy

Sign'd By C Thacker Min'  
William Hockaday  
Thruston James  
Ch. Wardens

Copy Test Dudley Williams C Vestry

At a Vestry held for Blisland Parish at the upper Church the 9ᵗʰ. day of Sep' 1746

Present The Rev: M'. Thacker, Cap'. William Hockaday, and M'. Thruston James Churchwardens; Cap'. Rob'.
Pennington, M'. Leonard Henley, M'. John Richardson, M'. Richmond Terrel, & M'. Richard Allen

'Tis order'd that the Church Wardens Sell the Tob°. that is levied for repairing the Church at publick Auction at next New Kent Court and if they cannot get nine Shill'. and Six pence 3/4. Cent. for it, it is further order'd that they receive the Tob°. for the use of the Parish, and have it re-priz'd

Sign'd By C. Thacker Min'
William Hockaday Ch Warden
Thruston James Ch Warden
Copy Test Dudley Williams Clerk o' th' Vestry

[72]
At a Vestry held for Blisland Parish at the upper Church the 8th day of October 1746

Present
The Rev. M'. Thacker Minister
Cap't William Hockaday
M'. Thruston James Church Wardens
Maj'. Edwin Daingerfield M'. John Richardson
Cap'. John Power M'. Richard Allen, and
M'. Lancelott Woodward M'. Richmond Terrel

This Vestry proceeds to lay the Parish levy
Blisland Parish
To the Rev. M'. Thacker his Years Sallery 16000 Tob° 16640
To Cask to D° 640 16640
To M'. Tho'. Pettus Clerk o' the lower Church 1000 1040
To Cask to D°. 40
To Dudley Williams Clerk o' the upper Church, & Vest- 1560
To I'sabella Gray Sexton of the upper Church 500 To Cask to D°. 20 To washing Surp*. 50 570
To Edward Lively Sexton of the lower D°. 500 To Cask to D°. 20 To washing Surp*. 50 570
To the maintainance of Lucy Gills 624
To Widow Lindsey for Tho. Lindsey 624
To David Dormer 250
To Anne Lindsey 300
To Elenor Pitman 300
To Keen Foulks 500
To Francis Day 1000
To William Fox 800
To Maj. John Dandridge for the list of Tithes 36
To M'. Ben: Waller for D° 18
To Cap'. William Hockaday for four Communions 400
To Ditto paid Keziah Charlton, for keeping Eliz. Barker 850
To M'. Richmond Terrel for keeping Richard Bull 600
To Cap'. William Hockaday for Quitrents of the Glebe land 144
To M'. John Allen for keeping James Holdcroft Son of Tho. Holdcroft Dec'd 1000
To Benjamine Tirey for keeping two of Sarah Tirey's Children 936
To Maj'. Edwin Daingerfield for Margarett Gray 1000

29762

Ditto C'. By Cap'. William Hockaday 281

29481

D°. D'. To 6 *3/4 Cent for Collecting 29481' Tob°. 1768

31249

D°. C'. By 907 Tithes at 34½ *3/4 poll 31291½

A Depositum in the Collector's hands to be accounted for at laying y°. next levy 42½

Cap'}
[73]

Cap't. William Hockaday and M'. Thruston James are Continued Church Wardens
M'. Gill Armistead D. Sher. is appointed Collector the ensuing Year giving Bond as usual
M'. Julius K. Burbidge Resign'd being a Vestryman, and M'. William Hogg is Elected in his Stead.
Order'd that the Church Wardens agree with workmen to build a corn house on the Glebe
Isabella Gray Resign'd being Sexton, John Taylor is Chosen in her Stead
Order'd that M'. Julius K. Burbidge's letter of Resignation be recorded in the Vestry book—Which is as follows (Viz)

To The Vestry of Blisland Parish
Gentlemen
I am not inclined to serve as a Vestry Man any longer, therefore desire you'll Elect one in my Stead, which I wish may be M'. Ratcliffe
I am

Your hble Serv'.
October. 8. 1746

Julius K. Burbidge

Tis order'd by this present Vestry that the Parish levy for this present Year be thirty four and a half pounds of Tob. poll and that M'. Gill Armistead D Sher. do Collect the S'. Sum of thirty four & a half pounds of Tob. from every individual Titheable person within this Parish, and upon refusal of payment to levy the same by distress according to law the S'. Gill Armistead first entering into Bond with good and Sufficient Security to the present Vestry of this Parish for the use of the Parish for the payment of the S'. Sums of Tob. to the Several Respective Parish Creditors to whom it is due, by Inspectors notes by the last day of May next, and it is also order'd that the Clerk of the Vestry take Bond as aforesaid before he
deliver a Copy of the Parish charge and order of Vestry to the S\textsuperscript{t}. Collector

Sign'd By C Thacker Minister
William Hockaday} Ch. Wardens
Thruston James

Copy Test
Dudley Williams Clerk o' the Vestry

[74]
At A Vestry held for Blisland Parish, at the Lower Church the 14\textsuperscript{th} day of October 1747

Present
The Rev. M'. Thacker M'. Leonard Henley
Cap'. William Hockaday\{Church M'. John Richardson
M' Thruston James \{Wardens M'. Richmond Terrel
Cap'. Robert Pennington M'. Richard Allen, and
M'. William Hogg Gent\textsuperscript{a}.

This Present Vestry proceeds to lay the Parish Levy, Which is as followeth.

Blisland Parish
To the Rev. M'. Thacker, his Years Sallery, 1600\textsuperscript{b} D'.
Tob\textsuperscript{o}. To Cask to D'. 640 1b 16640
To Dudley Williams Clerk of the upper Church &
vestry 1500, To Cask to D'. 60 1560
To M'. William Slater for Serving as Clerk of the
lower Church 520
To John Taylor Sexton of the upper Church 500. To
Cask to D'. 20, To washing the Surplice 50 570
To Ditto for Cleaning the Church Yard 200
To Edward Lively Sexton of the lower Church 500, To
Cask to D'. 20, To Washing the Surp\textsuperscript{a} 50 570
To Ditto for mending the Surplice 50
To Tho\textsuperscript{o}. Oakley for Lucy Gills 800 To Cask to D'. 32 832
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<td>To William Fox</td>
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<td>To Maj°. John Dandridge for the List of Tithes 40, other Charges</td>
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<td>To M°. Ben: Waller for the list of Tithes</td>
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<td>To Cap°. William Hockaday for four Communions</td>
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<td>To Ditto for Eliz°. Barker</td>
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<td>To Nicholas Valentine for Eliz° Barker 6371/2</td>
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<td>To M°. Richmond Terrel for Richard Bull</td>
<td>200</td>
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<td>To Benj°, Tirey for keeping Sarah Tirey's to Children 1,000</td>
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<td>To Maj°. Edwin Daingerfield for Marg°. Gray</td>
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<td>To Tho°. Hight for the Support of William Hight</td>
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<td>To Samuel Curll for Grace Hix</td>
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<td>To Macoy Williamson for D°.</td>
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<td>To M°°, Mary Thornton, for her trouble with Mary Reece</td>
<td>250</td>
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<td>To M°. Gill Armistead his Acco°</td>
<td>421</td>
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<td>To John Merrideth his Acco° (£8</td>
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<td>To Prudence Bates</td>
<td>300</td>
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<td>To Martha Pickett</td>
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<td>To The Rev. M°. Thacker one Tithe overcharg'd last Year</td>
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**Total:** 321071/2
D°. D°. To 6 ¾ Ct for Collecting 32107½ lb Tob° 1926

34033½

D°. C°. By 940 Tithes at 36½ ¾ poll 33840

D°. D°. To the Collector 193½

M°.

[75]
M°. Gill Armistead D She°. is appointed Collector for the En-
suing Year, giving Bond & Security as U°ual
Cap°. Robert Pennington, and M° Richard Allen are Chosen
Church Wardens in the room of Cap°. William Hockaday, &
M°. Thruston James, and were Sworn accordingly
Grifsle Henderson is appointed Sexton, in the room of John
Taylor

Sign'd By C Thacker Min°.
    Robert Pennington Ch Wardens
    Richard Allen

Copy Test Dudley Williams Clerk O' the Vestry

Memorandum
That at A Vestry held for Blisland Parish at the upper
Church the 8th. Day of October 1746. M°. William Hogg was
Chosen a Vestryman, in the room of M°. Julius K. Burbidge,
and was accordingly Sworn, at the upper Church the 8th Day
of September, 1747. by M°. Thruston James.

Test Dudley Williams Clerk O' the Vestry

Tis order'd by this present Vestry that the Parish levy for this
present year be thirty Six pounds of Tob°. ¾ poll and that M°.
Gill Armistead D. She°. do Collect the Said Sum of thirty Six
pounds of Tob°. from every individual Titheable person within
this Parish, and upon refusal of payment to levy the Same by
distrefs according to Law the S^d. Gill Armist^d. first entering into Bond with good & Sufficient Security to the present Vestry of this Parish, for the use of the Parish for the paym^t. of the S^d. Sums of Tob^t. to the Several respective Parish Creditors to whom it is due, by Inspectors notes by the last day of May next; and it is also order'd that the Clerk of the Vestry take Bond as aforesaid, before he deliver a Copy of the Parish Charge & order of Vestry to the Said Collector

Test

Dudley Williams Clerk of the Vestry

[76]

At A Vestry held for Blisland Parish, at the upper Church the 14^th. Day of October 1748.

Present

The Rev. M'. Thacker M'. John Richard^ton
M'. Richard Allen, Churchwarden M'. Lancelott Woodward
Cap^t. William Hockaday M'. Richmond Terrel
Cap^t. John Power M'. Thruston James
M'. Leonard Henley M'. John Ruf^sel &

M'. William Hogg

This Vestry proceeds to lay the Parish Levy

Blisland Parish

To the Rev. M'. Thacker, his Years Sallery 16000" Tob^t. lb Tob^t.

To Cask to d°. 640

To M'. William Slater Clark of the lower Church 1000 &

Cask to d°. 40

To D°. for one Month not allow'd in last years Acc^t.

To Dudley Williams Clark of the upper Church & Vestry

1500. & Cask

To John Gaddey Sexton of the upper Church 500. & Cask

20

520
To Edward Lively Sexton of the lower Church 500 &
     Cask. & washing Surp*.
To the Maintainance of Lucy Gills 800. & Cask 32 832
To the Maintainance of Thomas Lindsey 500
To the Maintainance of Anne Lindsey 500
To the Maintainance of Elenor Pitman 600
To the Maintainance of Francis Day 800
To the Maintainance of William Fox 800
To Maj'. John Dandridge for the list of Tithes 32
To M'. Benj*. Waller for D°. 18
To M". Ann Pennington, for four Communions 400
To Prudence Fisher, for Eliz*. Barker 700
To Ditto for John Hill 300
To Ditto for Cloathing John Hill 19°. Tob°. at 12/6 152
To Benjamine Tyree, for Keeping Sarah Tyree's two
 Children 1040
To the Maintainance of Margarett Gray 1000
To Gristle Henderson, for Grace Hix 800
To M'. Gill Armistead his Acco'. 697
To James Jones, for Prudence Bates 300
To Martha Pickett 800
To Maj'. John Dandridge 27
To M'. Samuel Woodward for Rite Roberts 500
To D°. for Richard Creed Curll 200
To M". Ann Pennington for 1 Tithe overcharg'd last
 year 36
To M'. Richmond Terrel for Corn for Jane Henry
     20/ Tob°. at 12/ 166
To M'. John Chandler for Corn for Mary Laffoon 10/
     Tob°. at 12/ 83
To M'. Richard Allen his Acc' 295
To Josiah Maples 500
To M'. Jeremiah Taylor 1 Tithe overcharg'd in 1746 35

32526
To 6 6/9 Cent for Collecting 32526 lb Tob. 1951

34477

D°. C'. By 942 Tithes at 36½ 6/9 poll 34383

The Collector D'. to the Parish 94

[77]

Cap'. William Hockaday and M'. Richard Allen are Chosen Churchwardens for the ensuing Year, & accordingly Sworn

M'. Francis Ratcliffe, and M'. Isaac Goddin, were chosen Vestrymen, in the stead of Maj'. Edwin Daingerfield, and Cap'. Robert Pennington dec'd, and M'. Isaac Goddin was accordingly Sworn.

Order'd that the Church wardens receive the money that was given by Cap'. William Kenney to this Parish for a piece of Plate, for the Church

M'. John Richardson Sher. is appointed Collector for the ensuing Year, on his giving Bond & Security as usual

'Tis order'd by this present Vestry that the Parish Levy for this present Year be Thirty Six & a half pounds of Tobacco 6/9 poll, and that John Richardson Gent. Sheriff of New Kent County do Collect the Said Sum of Thirty Six pounds and a half pounds of Tobacco from every Individual Titheable person within this Parish and upon refusal of payment to levy the Same by distress according to Law the Said Richardson first entering into Bond with good and sufficient Security to the present Vestry of this Parish for the use of the Parish for the payment of the Said Sums of Tob°. to the Several Parish Creditors to whom it is due by Inspectors Notes by the last day of May Next. And it is also order'd that the Clark of the Vestry take Bond as
aforesaid before he deliver a Copy of the Parish Charge and Order of Vestry to the Said Collector

Sign'd By C. Thacker Min'.
William Hockaday
Richard Allen

Copy Test
Dudley Williams, Clark of the Vestry

At

[78]
At a Vestry held for Blisland Parish at the lower Church the 10th. day of October 1749

Present
Cap'. William Hockaday Church M'. Richmond Terrel
M'. Richard Allen Wardens M'. Thruston James
Cap'. John Power M'. John Rufsel
M'. Leonard Henley M'. Isaac Goddin

And M'. Francis Ratcliffe who was This
day Sworn, before the Vestry Set.

This Vestry proceeds to lay the Parish-levy
Blisland Parish

To The Rev. M'. Thacker his Sallery 16000. To Cask to Ditto 640 16640
To M'. William Slater Clark of the lower Church 1000. To Cask to D°. 40 1040
To Dudley Williams Clark of the upper Church & Vestry 1500. To Cask to D°. 60 1560
To Edward Lively Sexton of the lower Church 500. & Cask 20. And washing y°. Surp°. 100 620
To John Gaddey Sexton of the upper Church 500. & Cask
   20. And washing y°. Surp°. 100 620
To the Maintainance of Lucy Gills 800. & Cask 32 832
To the Maintainance of Thomas Linsey 500
To the Maintainance of Anne Linsey 500
To the Maintainance of Elenor Pitman 600
To Francis Day 800
To William Fox 800
To Maj°. John Dandridge for two Copies of the list of
   Tithes 36
To M°. Ben: Waller for one D°. 18
To Cap°. William Hockaday for four Communions 400
To William Fisher, for keeping Eliz°. Barker 2000 And
   Cask 80 2080
To Cap°. William Hockaday, for the use of John Taylor's
   family 600
To Burnal Jones, for his trouble with Grace Hix 300
To James Jones, the Bal°. of his Acco°. for his trouble
   with Prudence Bates 228
To Martha Picket 800
To M°. Samuel Woodward, for his trouble with Rite
   Roberts 400
To Josiah Maples 200
To Cap°. William Hockaday, for the use of Richard
   Gilmett 700
To James Wade, for keeping Hannah Bowles 400
To James Wade, for his trouble with Rite Roberts 100
To Cap°. William Hockaday the Bal°. of his Acco°,
   £15||6||3½. Tob°. at 12/6 2450
To M°° Sarah Timberlake, for keeping Sarah Tyrees two
   Children ten Months 866
To M°. Thurston James, the Bal°. of his Acco°.
   £1||16||6 Tob°. at 12/6 292
To M'. Richard Allen his Acco', £1||13||8 Tob°. at 12/6 269
To M''. Hannah Daingerfield her Acco', £—||18°||—4
Tob°, at 12/6 144
To M'. Richmond Terrel for two Barrels of Corn
£1. Tob°. at 12/6 160

34955

At

At a Vestry held for Blisland Parish, at the upper Church,
the 31st. day of October 1749.

Present

Cap'. Wm Hockaday Church M'. John Richardson
M'. Richard Allen warden M'. Thruston James
Cap'. John Power M'. Isaac Goddin &
M'. Francis Ratcliffe

This Vestry Proceeds to Conclude laying the Parish Levy.
And to Receive the ProcèSSIONERS Returns

Blisland Parish D'.

To Debt brought over from the other Side, dated Octo-
ber the 10th. 1749. 34955
To M'. Gill Armistead his Acco'. for Delinquents 779
To M'. Gill Armistead his Acco'. Cash £5||2||4 Tob°
at 12/6 818½
To M''. Hannah Daingerfield for 20 Bushels of lyme
for the Glebe 10/ Tob°. at 12/6 80
To M'. William Hogg for a Barrel of Corn for Rich°.
Gilmett 10/ Tob°. at D° 80
To James Wade for burying Hannah Bowles, & a further allowance for her Maint. 400
To Edward Valentine for building a Henhouse on the Glebe £4 || Tob. at 12/6 640
To Nicholas Valentine Senior 400

\[\text{lb Tob.} \quad 38152\frac{1}{2}\]

To 6 3/4 Cent for Collecting 38152\frac{1}{2} 2289

\[\text{lb Tob.} \quad 40441\frac{1}{2}\]

Ditto C'. By Bal'. in M'. Gill Armistead's hands last year 94

\[\text{lb Tob.} \quad 40347\frac{1}{2}\]

By 955 Tithes at 42\frac{1}{2} 3/4 Poll 40587\frac{1}{2}

Deposited in the Collector's hands, till laying the next Parish Levy 240

Order'd by this Present Vestry, that Cap'. W' Hockaday, Cap'. John Power, and M' IJaac Goddin (or any two of them) Agree with a Workman to build a fram’d Vestryhouje, on the Land of M' IJaac Goddin, twelve by Sixteen, with a brick Chimney, & underpinn’d with brick; floor’d with Plank, & Shingl’d; & Ciel’d below Joist; & lath’d, & plaister’d. And that they get a lawful Deed of the S'. IJaac Goddin for half an Acre of land to Set the Said house on, before they agree with a Workman, to build the S'. house for the use of this Parish. To be Complieated before the laying the Next Parish Levy. And the charge thereof to be levied at the laying the next Parish Levy

M'. John Richardson Sheriff is appointed Collector the Ensuing Year, giving Bond and Security as usual

M'. IJaac Goddin, and M'. Francis Ratcliffe are Chosen Church Wardens in the Stead of Cap'. William Hockaday, & M'. Richard Allen, and Accordingly Sworn
Order'd that the Clark of the Vestry Record the Sev'ral Returns of the Processioners.

Sign'd By  Isaac Goddin, Francis Ratcliffe
\[\text{Church Wardens}\]

Copy Test

Dudley Williams Clark o' the Vestry

'Tis

'Tis order'd by this present Vestry, that the Parish Levy for this present Year be forty two and a half pounds of Tobo. \(\frac{3}{4}\) Poll. And that John Richardson Gent. Sheriff of New Kent County do Collect the 8\(\text{th}\) Sum of forty two and a half pounds of Tobo. from every Individual Titheable Person within this Parish; and on refusal of Payment to levy the Same by distress according to Law. The 8\(\text{th}\). John Richardson first entering into Bond with good & Sufficient Security to the Present Vestry of this Parish, for the use of the Parish, for the Payment of the 8\(\text{th}\). Sums of Tobo., to the Sev'ral respective Parish Creditors, to whom it is due by Inspectors Notes by the last day of May next. And it is also Order'd that the Clark of the Vestry take Bond as aforesaid, before he deliver a Copy of the Parish Charge and Order of Vestry to the Said Collector

Teft Dudley Williams Clark o' the Vestry

At a Vestry held for Blisland Parish at the upper Church the 18\(\text{th}\) day of May 1750.

Present

The Rev. M'. Thacker  M'. Richmond Terrel
M'. Francis Ratcliffe Church Warden  M'. Richard Allen
Cap'. William Hockaday  M'. Thruston James
M'. John Richardson  and
M'. Leonard Henley  M'. William Hogg
The Petition of M’. George Baker praying that his Negro Girl (who thro. the infirmity of nature is render’d incapable of doing any Service) be exempted Paying her Parish Levy, which Said Petition is granted by the Vestry.

William Garland (on his Petition to be discharg’d from paying his Parish Levy) is discharg’d from paying his Parish Levy

M’. John Shermer is Chosen a Vestryman in the room of M’. Lancelot Woodward deceas’d

Sign’d By C. Thacker Min’.

Francis Ratcliffe Ch. Warden

Copy Test Dudley Williams Clark o’ the Vestry

At

[81]

At a Vestry held for Blisland Parish at the upper Church the 9th. day of October 1750.

Present

The Rev. M’. Thacker M’. Francis Ratcliffe Church

M’. Isaac Goddin Wardens

M’. John Power Wardens

Cap’. William Hockaday

Cap’. John Richardson

This Vestry Proceeds to lay the Parish Levy: (Viz’.)

Blisland Parish

To the Rev. M’. Thacker’s Sallery 16000. To Cask 1lb Tob’.

to Ditto at 4 $ C’. 640 16640

To M’. William Slater Clark of the lower Church 1000. To Cask to Dº. 40 1040

To Dudley Williams Clark of the upper Church & Vest-try 1500. To Cask to Dº. 60 1560
To John Gaddey Sexton of the upper Church 500. & Cask 20. & washing the Surplice 100 620
To Edward Lively Sexton of the lower Church 500. & Cask 20 & washing the Surplice 100 620
To the Maintainance of Lucy Gills 600 & Cask 24 624
To the Maint. of Tho. Linsey 375
To the Maint. of Ann Linsey 400
To the Maint. of Elenor Pitman 500
To the Maint. of Francis Day 600
To the Maint. of William Fox 600
To Maj’. John Dandridge Clark of N. Kent Court for two Copies of th’ list o’ Tithes 36
To Ditto his Acco’ ag”. the Parish on Acco’ of Frances Henry 100
To M’. Isaac Goddin, for four Communions 400
To M’. Benj’. Waller Clark of James City County Court for a Copy of the list o’ Tithes 18
To Sarah Fisher, for keeping Eliz’. Barker 2000
To Prudence Fisher, for keeping John Hill 875
To M’. Samuel Woodward, for keeping Richard Creed Curll, 2 Months & 6 Days 440
To Cap’. Wm. Hockaday for the use of John Taylor’s family 450
To Martha Pickett 600
To Josiah Maples 400
To Richard Gilman 525
To M’. Sarah Timberlake, for keeping Sarah Tyree’s two Children 500
To Nicholas Valentine Sen’ 300
To John Lyon Constable, for moving Tho’. Lucas’s Child to M’. John Tyler’s in James City Parish 40
To John Wall 300
To M’. Fran’. Ratcliffe, his Acco’. £3||2’.||5s. levied in Tob. at 15/ £100 416
To M'. Iaac Goddin, his Acco'. £6||7||6 D°—D°. at 15/30 100 850
To M'. Wm. Slater, for making a Coffin for Margarett Gray 10/ Levied in Tob°. at 15/ 100 66
To M'. Richmond Terrel his Acco'. £3||18||3½ levied in Tob°. at 15/ 100 521
To M'. William Armistead his Acco'. for Delinquents 214
To Cap'. Wm. Hockaday, for a Lawyer's fee Employ'd ag". Fra". Henry 15/
To M". Daingerfield, for two Levies overcharg'd last Year 42½ Each 85
To Matthew Cole, for one Tithe overcharg'd in the year 1748 36½
To Benj'. Haselwood, for building a Quarter on the Glebe £10: Levied in Tob° at 15/ 1333

34184½

Ditto C'. By Bal's in M'. William Armistead's hands last Year 240

33944½

D°. D'. To 6 30 C'. for Collecting 33,944½ lb Tob°. 2036

35980½

D°. C'. By 944 Tithes at 38½ Tob°. 30. Poll 35872

Balance Due to the Collector 108½

M' [82]

M'. William Armistead is appointed Collector the Enjuing Year, giving Bond & Security as Usual

M'. Francis Ratcliffe, & M'. Iaac Goddin, are Continued Church Wardens.
The Order of Vestry which was made for building a Vestry-house last Year, is Continued.

Sign'd By  C Thacker Min'
Frä'. Ratcliffe. C. W.
Isaac Goddin C. W.

Test  Dudley Williams, Clark o' the Vestry

'Tis Order'd by this present Vestry, that the Parish Levy for this present year be Thirty Eight Pounds of Tob°. " Poll; And that M'. Wm. Armistead Deputy Sheriff in New Kent County do Collect the S°. Sum of Thirty Eight Pounds of Tob°. from ev'ry Individual Titheable Person within this Parish; And on refusal of Payment to levy the Same by distrejs according to Law. The S°. Wm. Armistead first Ent'ring into Bond with good and Sufficient Security to Present Vestry of this Parish, for the use of the Parish, for the Payment of the S°. Sums of Tob°. to the Sev'ral respective Parish Creditors to Whom it is due, by Inpectors Notes, by the last day of May next. And it is also Order'd, that the Clark of the Vestry take Bond as aforesaid, before he deliver a Copy of the Parish Charge & Order of Vestry to the Said Collector

Test  Dudley Williams. Clark o' the Vestry

At a Vestry held for Blisland Parish, at the lower Church, March the 6th. 1750.

Present
The Rev. M'. Thacker    Cap'. John Richardson
M'. Isaac Goddin, Ch. Warden  M'. Leonard Henley
Maj'. John Power  M'. Richard Allen
Cap'. William Hockaday  Cap'. Thruston James, and
M'. William Hogg.

M'. Gill Armistead is Chosen a Vestryman, in the room of M'. Francis Ratcliffe deceas'd
M'. William Hogg is Chosen Church Warden, in the room of
M'. Francis Ratcliffe deceas'd, and was Accordingly Sworn
'Tis Order'd by this Present Vestry, that the Parish Collector
keep the Tob°. in his hands, which was levied for Benj'. Hasel-
wood, for building a Quarter on the Glebe, till he has Compleated
the Same

Sign'd By    C. Thacker Min'
            Isaac Goddin Ch. Warden
            William Hogg Ch. Warden

Test    Dudley Williams Clark of the Vestry

At

[83]
At a Vestry held for Blisland Parish at the lower Church,
the 16th. Day of October 1751.

Present
The Rev. M'. Thacker                Cap'. John Richardson
M'. Isaac Goddin                 M'. Leonard Henley
M'. William Hogg                  M'. Richmond Terrel
Maj'. John Power                   Cap'. Thruston James
Cap'. William Hockaday             M'. Richard Allen

M'. John Rulsel
M'. John Shermer
M'. Gill Armistead

Were both Sworn this day

Blisland Parish    D'
To the Rev. M'. Thacker his Sallery 16000lbs. To       lbs Tob°
Cask at 4 $\frac{1}{3}$ C'. 640. To 4 $\frac{1}{3}$ C'. on 16000 for
Shrinkage 640 17280
To M'. John Burnett Clark of the upper Church 1000
& 4 $\frac{1}{3}$ C'. for Cask 40 1040
To Dudley Williams Clark of the lower Church & Ves-
try 1500, & 4 $\frac{1}{3}$ C'. for Cask 60 1560
To John Gaddey Sexton of the upper Church $500 & 4 \times C\$. on D\$. 20. To D\$. for washing the Surplice 100

To Edward lively Sexton of the lower Church $500 & 4 \times C\$. on D\$. 20. To D\$. for washing the Surplice 100

To the Maintainance of Lucy Gills 600
To the Maintainance of Thomas Linsey 400
To Elenor Pitman 600
To Francis Day 600
To M'. Ben. Waller, for the List of Tithes 18
To M'. Isaac Goddin for four Communions 400
To M'. Benj'. Tyree for keeping two of Sarah Tyrees Children two Months in the Year 1749 163
To M'. Isaac Goddin, for Eliz'. Barker 1500 & Cask to D\$. 60 1560
To William Hawkins for keeping John Hill one Month 100
To Cap'. William Hockaday, for Stephen Jones's keeping Ruth Brooks 600
To Sarah Fisher, for Cloathing for Eliz'. Barker in the Year 1749 250
To James Charles, for keeping Richard Creed Curll 500
To Cap'. William Hockaday, for John Taylor's family 800
To Martha Pickett 800
To Richard Gilman 800
To Nicholas Valentine Sen'. 600
To Mary Farthing, for the Maintainance of her Child 300
To Benj'. Haselwood for keeping his Father one Month 83
To M'. Richmond Terrel, for keeping Howard Burdett one Month which he was not paid for 100
To M"'. Mary Baker, for one Tithe Overcharg'd in 1749 42½
To M"'. Daingerfield, for work at the Glebe & Lyme 12/ Levied in Tob\$. at 15/ 20 80
To William Fisher, for keeping Howard Burdett One Month & a halfe 105
To D°. his Acco\(^t\) for burying D°. 7/10½ levied in Tob°. at 15/ £ 100 52
To M'. William Hogg his Acco\(^t\). £9||9||8 Levied in Tob°. at 15/ £ 100 1263
To M'. Isaac Goddin his Acco\(^t\), 7||1||1½ Levi'd in Tob°. at 15/ £ 100 940
To M'. Lewis Delony his Acco\(^t\) £19||2||5 Levied in Tob°. at 15/ £ 100. to be in the hands of Cap\(^t\). W\(^m\). Hockaday. Cap\(^t\). John Richardson, & M'. Gill Armistead till M'. Delony renders a Satisfactory Acco\(^t\). to them ag\(^t\). the Parish 2549
To M'''. Hanah Crittenden, her Acco\(^t\). for W\(^m\). Jeffers £2||8 levied in Tob°. at 15/ £ 100 320
To M'. William Armistead, the Bal\(^t\). of his Acco\(^t\). 270½

36016

D°. C'. By Dudley Williams, for Rent of the Glebe 35/ levied in Tob°. at 15/ £ 100 233

35783

D°. D'. To 6 £ 959 Cent for Collecting 35783\(^b\) Tob°. 2146

37929

Deposited in the Collector's hands, to be by him Paid to the Parish at laying the next levy 431

38360

M'. William Armistead, is appointed Collector the Ensuing Year, on giving Bond & Security as usual.
M' John Shermer is appointed Church Warden (with M'.
Wm. Hogg) In the stead of M'. Isaac Goddin, & was accordingly sworn

Sign'd By C. Thacker Min'
   William Hogg
   John Shermer

Church Wardens

Test: Dudley Williams Clark o' the Vestry

'Tis

'Tis Order'd by this Present Vestry that the Parish Levy for this present Year be Forty pounds of Tob. p. poll And that M'. Wm. Armistead Deputy Sheriff in New Kent County do Collect the S4. Sum of Forty pounds of Tob. from ev'ry Individual Titheable Person within this Parish, and on refusal of payment to levy the Same by distrejs According to Law. The S4. Wm. Armistead first Ent'ring into Bond with good & Sufficient Security to the present Vestry of this Parish, for the use of the Parish for the payment of the S4. Sums of Tob. to the Sev'ral respective Parish Creditors to whom it is due, by Inspectors Notes by the last day of May next. And it is also Order'd that the Clark of the Vestry take Bond as aforesaid, before he deliver a Copy of the Parish Charge and Order of Vestry to the Said Collector.

Test Dudley Williams Clark o' the Vestry

At

[85]

At a Vestry held for Blisland Parish at the upper Church
October the 3rd. 1752.

Present

The Rev. M'. Thacker                M'. Leonard Henley
M'. John Shermer Church            M'. Richmond Terrell
M'. William Hogg Wardens           M'. Richard Allen
Cap'. William Hockaday             M'. Isaac Goddin &
Cap'. John Richardson              M'. Gill Armistead
This Vestry Proceeds to lay the Parish Levy

Blisland Parish

To the Rev. M. Thacker his Sallary 16000" & 4 lb. Tob°.

C. on d°. 640 & 4 C°. on d°. for Shrinkage 640

To M. John Burnett Clark of the upper Church 1000 & Cask on d°. 40

To Dudley Williams Clark of the lower Church & Vestry 1500 & Cask on d°. 60

To John Gaddey Sexton of the upper Church 500 & Cask on d°. 20. & Washing the Surplice 100

To Edward Lively Sexton of the lower Church 500 & Cask on d°. 20 & Washing the Surplice 100

To the Maint°. of Lucy Gills

To Ann Linsey

To Thomas Linsey

To Cap°. William Hockaday for finding Ann Linsey last Year

To M. John Shermer for finding Elenor Pitman last Year

To Ditto for Ditto this Year

To M. Ben: Waller for a Copy of the List of Tithes

To Maj°. John Dandridge for two Copies of the list of Tithes last year & two d°. this year

To M. John Shermer for four Commun°.

To D°. his Acc°. for his Orders & Keziah Charlton £10 levied in Tob°. at 13/ & 100


To D°. paid D°. his Acc°. for 3|2|6 in Tob° at 13/ Su°. Thomas 1|101

To Stephen Jones for keeping Ruth Brooks one Month

To Cap°. William Hockaday for John Taylor's family

To Martha Piggett

To Richard Gilman in the Churchwarden's hands

To Nicholas Valentine Sen°.
To M'. William Hogg’s Acco'. £3||8s.—d. ¾ levied in Tob°. at 13/ ¶ 100
To Cap'. William Hockaday's Acco’’. deliver’d to the Vestry £6||—s.11¼d. Tob°. at 13/
To M'. John Burnett’s Acco’. £3||17|| in Tob°. at 13/
To Doctor William Harwood’s three Acco’’. deliver’d to the Vestry £3||16s.9d. Tob°. at 13/
To Tho’. Ratcliff's Acco’ for Corn for Ann Brown £—||10s.—d.|| in Tob°. at 13/
To Tho’. Oakley for his trouble & Charge with Ruth Brooks dec’d £1||17||— Tob°. at 13/ .
To M’. William Armistead for delinquents
To John Gaddey for keeping James Brown Son of James Brown dec’d last year
To the Support of John Gilman in the Church Warden’s hands
To the Rev. M’. Thacker for building a Dairy, & lathing the Quarter on the Glebe

**Blisland Parish**

C’

By M’. William Armistead deposited in his hands last year 431

By D° for Tob° levied for Elenor Pitman last year 600

D°.

D°. 33742

To 6. ø. Cent for Collecting 33742° Tob°. 2024

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 Deposited in the Collector’s hands, to be by him paid to the Parish at laying next Levy 159

D°. C’. By 958 Tithes at 37½ ¶. Poll 35925
M'. Gill Armistead, M' William Armistead, & Dudley Williams, are appointed to meet & proportion the Parish Levy on or before the last day of October.

John Sheriff on his Petition is discharg'd from paying his Parish Levy.

The Church Wardens are appointed to Send for a Sett of Plate for the Parish, & to Receive Cap'. William Kenney's Legacy in Part of Payment for the Same.

M'.

[86]

M'. Gill Armistead is Cho'en Church Warden (in the Stead of M'. William Hogg) With M'. John Shermer & this day Sworn Accordingly.

M'. William Armistead is appointed Collector the Enjoining Year on giving Bond & Security as Ufual.

Sign'd By  C. Thacker. Min'.
       John Shermer\{Church Wardens
       G'. Armistead\}

Test.

Dudley Williams. Clerk o' the Vestry.

Pursuant to an Order o' Vestry of Blisland Parish, We the Subcriber have met and Proportioned the Parish Levie for the Enjoining year & find it to be Thirty Seven and a half Pounds of Tobacco $7 Poll. January 6th 1753/

William Armistead
G'. Armistead
Dudley Williams

'Tis Order'd by this Present Vestry that the Parish Levy for this present Year be Thirty Seven & one half Pounds of Tobacco $7 Poll. and that M'. William Armistead D. Sheriff in New Kent County do Collect the S'd Sum of Thirty Seven &
one half Pounds of Tob". from ev'ry Individual Titheable Person within this Parish, And on refusal of Payment to Levy the Same by distress According to Law. The S^4. William Armistead first Entr'ing into Bond with good & Sufficient Security to the Present Vestry of this Parish for the use of the Parish, for the Payment of the S^4. Sums of Tob". to the Sev'ral respective Parish Creditors to whom it is due, by Inspectors notes by the last day of May next. And it is also Order'd that the Clark of the Vestry take Bond as aforesaid before he deliver a Copy of the Parish Charge and Order of Vestry to the Said Collector.

Test Dudley Williams Clark o' the Vestry

At

[87]
At a Vestry held for Blisland Parish at the lower Church
October the 9th. 1753.

Present

The Rev. M'. Thacker         Maj'. John Power
M'. John Shermer  \Church    Maj'. John Richardson
M'. Gill Armistead  \Wardens  Cap'. Thruston James &
Maj'. William Hockaday     M'. William Hogg

This Vestry proceeds to lay the Parish Levy
Blisland Parish  D'.

To the Rev. M'. Thacker's Sallary 16000ib Tob. & 4 p. 1b Tob^e.
C'. for Cask 640ib & 4 $ C'. for Shrinkage 640ib. 17280
To M'. John Burnett Clark of the upper Church 1000.
& 4 % C'. for Cask 40 1040
To Dudley Williams Clark of the lower Church & Vest-
try 1500. & 4 $ C'. for Cask 60 1560
To John Gaddey dec'd Sexton of the upper Church 500
& Cask 20. & for washing the Surplice 100 620
To Edward Lively Sexton of the lower Church 500 &
Cask 20. & for washing the Surplice 100 620
To John Ball, for the Maintainance of Lucy Gills 600
To Ann Linsey 600
To Thomas Linsey 400
To Thomas Jones for keeping Eliz'. Williams 600
To Elenor Pitman 600
To M'. Ben: Waller for a Copy of the List of Tithes 18
To Coll'. John Dandridge for two Copies of the List of Tithes 36
To M'. John Shermer for four Communions 400
To M**. Ann Pennington for paying Keziah Charlton, the Ch. Warden's order for 1500" Tob. For
Elizabeth Barker 1500
To M**. Ann Pennington for paying the Ch. Wardens order to Mary Row for 20/ in Tob. @ 13/
To Maj'. William Hockaday for John Taylor's family 800
To Martha Piggett 800
To Maj'. William Hockaday for Richard Gilman 800
To Nicholas Valentine Sen' 600
To John Yates his Acco*. for keeping & burying John Gilman 1£||118||6d. in Tob. @ 13/ 242.
To Eliz*. Feer for her trouble with Mary Richardson in her Sickne's £2||108:. in Tob @ 13/ 384
To Rebecca White for keeping George Smith's Child Six months 500
Present M'. Leonard Henley. To M'. Gill Armistead's Acco*. 3£||58||9½d. in Tob. @ 13/ 505½
To Maj'. William Hockaday for digging a grave & finding a Coffin for Mary Richardson 100
To Burnal Russell for keeping John Swiney Eleven Months in 1752 400
To M'. John Shermer, for paying Thomas Albriton 15/ for Carrying Diana Sutton To Hanover, in Tob. @ 13/ 115
To Honor Grace for her trouble with John Gaddey dec'd 7/6 in Tob. @ 13/ 58
To Maj. William Hockaday, for 6<sup>th</sup> Sugar & ½ Bushel of Wheat for Wm. Garland 5/9 in Tob ₤@ 13/ 44
To Maj. John Richardson, for paying John Sheriff's Levy in 1752. From which he was discharg'd by the Vestry in 1752 37½

Carried over to the other Side 31413

[88]
Blisland Parish D'. 1b Tob<sup>a</sup>.
To Debt brought over from the other Side 31413
To Doctor William Harwood's Acco. for attendance on John Gaddey's family and finding them means £3||4||6 in Tob<sup*a</sup>. ₤@ 13/ 900 496
To William Pitblado for keeping Lucy, the Daughter of Joseph Haselwood dec'd 400
To Richard Linsey for keeping Richard, the Son of Joseph Haselwood dec'd 250
To Sarah Gaddey for keeping James Brown, Son of James Brown dec'd 500
To Francis Day 600
To the Rev. M'. Thacker for a gla<sup>s</sup>s to mend the Glebe Windows 5/ Tob<sup>*</sup>. ₤@ 13 38
To the Support of Reb<sup>a</sup>. Wall 300
To M'. William Armistead the Bal'. of his Acco<sup>a</sup>. 37½ 37½
To James Charles for Richard Creed Curle in 1752 100
To the Church Wardens for work done at the Glebe by M<sup>*</sup>. Daingerfield's Workmen £4||155||3<sup>a</sup> levied in Tob<sup>*</sup> ₤@ 13/ 732
To the Church Wardens, to pay M<sup>*</sup>. William Brown for Repairing the Church 5600
To M<sup>*</sup>. William Hogg for 350 feet of 1½ Inch plank for a threshing floor for the Glebe And for Carting the Same £1||15||6 in Tob<sup>*</sup> ₤@ 13/ 273
Towards an Addition to the upper Church 10000
To Mary Farthing for the Support of her Child 400
To Grijfell Sanders for keeping John Gilman two Months 150

Blisland Parish C'. By Mr. William Hogg 5s. 8½d. in Tob°. @ 13/ 44

D°. D'. To 6 ⅔. Cent. for Collecting 51245½ lb Tob°. 3074

Deposited in the Collector's hands 457½

D°. C°. By 961 Tithes at 57° Tob°. 29. Poll 54777

Order'd that the 2549 lb Tob°. which was Levied for Mr. Lewis Delony be Sold by the Church Wardens (with the 10000 lb Tob°. which was levied for an Addition to the upper Church) Pursuant to an Order of Vestry dated April 18th. 1746

Maj'. John Richardson is appointed Church Warden, (with Mr. Gill Armistead) in the Stead of Mr. John Shermer and was Sworn accordingly

Edward Newman is Appointed Sexton at the upper Church, in the Stead of John Gaddey deceas'd

Mr. William Armistead is appointed Collector the ensuing year, on giving Bond & Security as U'jual.

Memorandum. that the Bal°. due to the Parish last year, was not accounted for this year.

Sign'd By C. Thacker Min'.
John Richardson Ch. Warden
G'. Armistead Ch. Warden

Test. Dudleyy Williams Clark o' the Vestry

'Tis
'Tis order'd by this Present Vestry that the Parish Levy for this present year be Fifty Seven pounds of Tob. \(\frac{3}{2}\). Poll, and that Wm. Armistead D. Sheriff of New Kent County do Collect the S\(^4\). Sum of Fifty Seven pounds of Tob. from ev'ry Individual Titheable Perjon in this Parish, and on refusal of Payment to Levy the Same by distre\(fs\) according to Law. The S\(^4\). Wm. Armistead first ent'ring into Bond with good & Sufficient Security to the present Vestry of this Parish, for the u\(Se\) of the Parish, for the Payment of the S\(^4\). Sums of Tob. to the Sev'ral respective Parish Creditors to whom it is due by Inspectors notes by the last day of May next. And it is also Order'd that the Clark of the Vestry take Bond as aforesaid before he deliver a Copy of the Parish Charge and order of Vestry to the S\(^4\). Collector.

Test. Dudley Williams. Clark o' the Vestry

At a Vestry held Blisland Parish at the upper Church June the 22\(^a\). 1754.

Present

The Rev. M'. Thacker
Maj'. John Richardson ) Ch.
Cap'. Gill Armistead ) wardens
Maj'. William Hockaday

Maj'. John Power
M'. Richmond Terrel
M'. Richard Allen. and
M'. William Hogg

Order'd that the Church Wardens of this Parish do Sell the Glebe Land in James City County, Pur\(Ju\)ant to an Act of A\(sembly\) made in 1753. And that they give twelve months credit from the day of Sale for the Payment of the money. The purchaser giving Bond and Security for the payment of the money to the Church Wardens & their Succe\(fs\)ors.
Order'd, that the Church Wardens do Sell the 5600 lb. Tob. which was Levied in the Church Wardens hands for Mr. William Brown, for Repairing the Lower Church.

Sign'd by C. Thacker Min'.

John Richardson
Gill Armistead

Church Wardens.

Test. Dudley Williams. Clark o' the Vestry

At

At a Vestry held for Blisland Parish at the upper Church October 17th, 1754.

Present

The Rev. Mr. Thacker.

Maj'. John Richardson
Cap'. Gill Armistead

Church Wardens

Maj'. William Hockaday. M'. Richard Allen,
Maj'. John Power. M'. John Shermer,
M'. Leonard Henley, Cap'. Thruston James, And,
M'. William Hogg

This Vestry Proceeds to lay the Parish Levy

Blisland Parish D'.

To the Rev. Mr. Thacker's Sallary 1600 lb. Tob. & 4
$ C$. for Cask 640 lb. & 4 $ C$. for Shrinkage 640 lb. 17280

To John Burnett Clark of the upper Church 1000 lb. &
4 $ C$. for Cask 40 lb. 1040

To Dudley Williams Clark of the Lower Church &
Vestry 1500 lb. & 4 $ C$. for Cask 60 lb. 1560

To Edward Newman Sexton at the upper Church
500 lb. & Cask 20. For washing Surplice 100 lb. 620

To Edward Lively Sexton at the Lower Church 500 lb.
& Cask 20. For washing the Surplice 100 lb. 620
To the Support of Lucy Gills 600
To the Support of Ann Linsey 600
To the Support of Thomas Linsey 300
To Thomas Jones, for keeping Eliz. Williams 700
To Elenor Pitman 600
To M'. Ben: Waller, for a Copy of the List of Tithes 18
To Col. John Dandridge for two Copies of d"). 36
To the Support of Martha Piggett 600
To Nicholas Valentine Sen"). 600
To Francis Day 600
To Richard Linsey, for keeping Richard Haselwood Son of Joseph Haselwood dec'd 600
To Maj'. John Richardson, for four Communions for the Lower Church 500
To Cap'. Gill Armistead for four Commun'. for the upper Church last year & four this year 1000
To David Dormer, For keeping Eliz'. Barker 1560
To Maj'. William Hockaday, For John Taylor's family 800
To d"). for Richard Gilman 800
To Reb"). White, For keeping George Smith's Child 800
To Sarah Gaddey, For keeping James Brown, Son of James Brown dec'd 500
To Mary Farthing, For the Support of her Child 400
To the Support of Isabella Gray 200
To the Church Wardens, for Isaac Tyree 700
To M'. John Shermer, To Satisfy David Johnson, for Curing Diana Sutton of a Cancer 10£15' Tob"). at 10"). 2150
To the Bal"). of Cap'. William Macon's Acco"). for Plank for the Glebe 7/ in Tob"). at 10/ 70
To Doctor William Harwood's Acco"); £19'.3'. Levied in Tob"). at 10/ 100 295
To John Jones Patroler, for his Levy Paid last year 57
NEW KENT COUNTY, VIRGINIA, 1721-1786

To Charles Hankin d°. for d°. 57th To Rich°. Gaddey d°. for d°. 57th 114
To Richard Martin d°. for d°. 57th To Landey Lins- 114
sey d°. for d°. 57th
Towards an Addition to the upper Church 10000

his hands last year 457

D°. D°. To 6 39. Cent for Collecting 45977lb 2758
Tobo.

Deposited in the Collector's hands 48735

D°. C°. By 986 Tithes at 49½ 39. Poll is 48807

M°

[91]

M°. Richard Allen is Chosen Church Warden in the Stead of Cap°. Gill Armistead, and was Accordingly Sworn.

On the Motion of Edward Lively to be discharg'd from his Parish Levy, he is accordingly discharg'd.

Order'd that the 93½ 19. Tob°. in the hands of the Sheriff of James City County taken by Execution of the Estate of Sus°. Thomas, be return'd to the Said Sus°. Thomas.

Order'd that Mary Sheriff be discharg'd from Paying her Parish Levy.


M°. William Armistead is appointed Collector the Ensuing year, On giving Bond & Security as U°ual
Order'd that M' William Armistead give Edward Lively C'. for his Levy this present Levy.  
Sign'd By         C. Thacker Min'.
                 John Richardson  | Church Wardens.
                 Richard Allen         

Test. Dudley Williams Clark of the Vestry.

'Tis Order'd by this Present Vestry, that the Parish Levy for this Present Year, be Forty Nine and a half Pounds of Tob'. £. Poll, and that M' William Armistead D. Sher. in New Kent County do Collect and receive the Said Sum of Forty nine & a half Pounds of Tob'. from Every Individual Titheable Person within this Parish. And on refusal of Payment to Levy the Same by distrefs according to Law. The Said William Armistead first Entering into Bond, With good & Sufficient Security to the Present Vestry of this Parish, for the uje of the Parish, for the Payment of the Said Sums of Tob'. to the Several Respective Parish Creditors to whom it is due, by Inspectors Notes by the last day of May next. And it is also Order'd that the Clark of the Vestry take Bond as aforesaid, before he deliver a Copy of the Parish Charge And Order of Vestry to the Said Collector.

Test.

Dudley Williams Clark o' th' Vestry

At

[92]

At a Vestry held for Blisland Parish, at the upper Church the Second day of Sep'. 1755.

Order'd that Maj'. John Richardson & M'. Richard Allen, Gent. Church Wardens, Immediately Agree with Workmen to Undertake the Addition to the upper Church Pursuant to an Order of Vestry, dated July 29th. 1755.

Sign'd By C. Thacker Min'.

John Richardson & Rich' Allen Church Wardens.

Test. Dudley Williams Clark O' the Vestry

Articles of Agreement.

A Brick Addition to the upper Church in Blisland Parish, to be made twenty four feet in Length added to the Old Building, of the Same width as the Old, to have four Pews of Each Side. Two Sash Windows in Each Side: and two in the End: Each Window to have Eighteen Panes of glass ten by twelve. The Pulpit to be moved to the North Side of the Church, and to be fixed According to the Rev. M'. Thacker's direction. The Floors and Pews above the Pulpit to be taken up, and Set down, in good Order with those below: The Windows Old and New, with the Doors & Eaves of the Said Church to be well Prim'd & Painted white with white lead, Inside & Out. THE COMMUNION to be Moved, and decently fitted with New Rails and Banisters. The Addition to be a Compass Ceiling, Cover'd with Plank and good CypreJs Shingles, to be lath'd and Plaster'd, and the whole Church Whitewash'd. The Wall of the Yard to be lengthen'd and Carried Eight feet Clear of the Sd Addition. Two new gates made of good Season'd White Oak. The Whole to be Compleated (Workmen like) by October 1756. The Present Church Wardens to Inspect all the Bricks and Timber to be used about the Said Building: The Foundation to be laid as low as the Graves (where they Interfere) of the Church Yard.

The above I agree to do (or Cause to be done) by October in the Year 1756. for the Sum of One Hundred and
Twenty Nine Pounds. IN PURSUANCE of which I have Paysed a Bond dated Sep.' the 2d. 1755. And rec'd of Maj'. John Richardson & M'. Richard Allen Bond for the Sum abovemention'd. Witnes our hands

Sep'. the 2d. 1755
Sam'. Du Val
Christo'. Ford Ju'.

Test.
Dud. Williams.
Sam'11. Ashley
John Rich' son
Rich4. Allen Ch. ward'.

At

[193]
At a Vestry held for Blisland Parish, at the Lower Church Octo'. 15. 1755.

Present

The Rev. M'. Thacker,
Maj'. John Richardson, & M'. Richard Allen Ch. Wardens
Maj'. William Hockaday,
M'. Leonard Henley M'. John Shermer,
Cap'. Thruston James, And
M'. Isaac Goddin

This Vestry Proceeds to lay the Parish Levy
Blisland Parish D'.

To the Rev. M'. Thacker's Sallery 16000lb Tobo. & 4 $ C'. for Cask 640lb. & 4 $ C'. for Shrinkage 640lb 17280
To M'. John Burnett Clark of the upper Church 1000lb & 4 $ C'. for Cask 40 1040
To Dudley Williams Clark of the Lower Church & Vestry 1500lb & 4 $ C'. for Cask 60 1560
To Edw. Lively Sexton of the Lower Church 500" & Cask 20, & for washing the Surplice 100" 620
To Edw. Newman Sexton of the upper Church 500" & Cask 20, & for washing the Surplice 100" 620
To the Maint. of Lucy Gills 600.—To the Maint. of Ann Linsey 600 1200
To the Maint. of Tho. Linsey 300
To M. Benj. Tyree, for keeping Eliz. Williams three Months 175
To M'. Jeremiah Woodward, for keeping Eliz. Williams nine Months 525
To Elenor Pitman 600
To M'. Ben: Waller, for a Copy of the List of Tithes 18
To Coll. John Dandridge, for two Copies of d'. 36
To Nicholas Valentine Sen'. 500.—To Fra'. Day 500 1000
To Richard Linsey, for keeping Richard Haselwood, Son of Joseph Haselwood dec'd 700
To M'. Richard Allen, for four Commun. for the upper Church 400
To Maj'. John Richardson, for four d'. for the lower d'. 400
To M'' Ann Pennington her Acco'. £5||0".||11½". to be paid by the Church Wardens
To William Fisher's Acco'. for burying Eliz'. Barker 7.*. 6". To be paid by d'.
To Edw. James, for making a Coffin for John Eacho 5/. To be paid by d'.
To M'. Jos. Watkins, for 2 Quarts of Rum, for John Eacho's funeral 2*. 6.". to be paid by d'.
To Maj'. John Richardson, for a Barrel of Corn, for Widow Eacho. 10/. To be paid by d'.
To Sarah Pitblado, for keeping Richard Gilman 400
To Maj'. William Hockaday, for John Taylor's family 666
To Reb'. White, for keeping George Smith's Child 666
To Sarah Gaddey, for keeping James Brown, Son of Jam'. Brown dec'd 416
To Mary Farthing, for her Child 333
To Isabella Gray 166
To M'. Isaac Goddin, ¥ Ch. Ward'. Order, for Simon Frazier being Sick at his house 15 days £3
Levied in Tob°. at 15/100 400
To Jam'. Jones, for taking care of Mary Samson in her late Sicknesfs 100

To 6 - Cent for Collecting 29621b Tob° 1777

Deposited in the Collector’s hands 284

D°. C°. By 1022 Tithes at 31b. • Poll 31682

order’d

[94]

Order’d that the Church Wardens Repair to the Glebe, and See what Repairs are wanting thereon, and agree with workmen, to build and make Such Repairs as they Shall think necessary: And for the Church Wardens to bring their Acco'. for the Same, at the laying the next Parish Levy.

Order’d that the Church Wardens Enquire, whether Ann Leavor have any right to freedom dues; and if She has, that they pay her the Same, Pursuant to an agreement this Vestry made with M'. Roger Williams April 24, 1725. And bring their Acco'. to the laying the next Parish Levy.

Maj'. John Power is Chosen Church Warden, in the Stead of Maj'. John Richardson (with M'. Richard Allen) and Order’d that he be Sworn Accordingly.
M'. William Armistead is Appointed Collector, on giving Bond and Security as usual.

Sign'd by  C. Thacker Min'.
Rich'a Allen Church Warden
Test. Dudley Williams Clark O' the Vestry.

'Tis Order'd By this present Vestry, that the Parish Levy for this present year, be Thirty one pounds of Tob'. @ Poll, and that M'. William Armistead D. She. in New Kent County, do Collect the S'. Thirty one Pounds of Tob'. from every Individual Titheable person in this Parish, And on refusal of payment to Levy the Same by distrejs according to Law. The S'. William Armistead first Entering into Bond with good and Sufficient Security to the present Vestry of this Parish, for the use of the Parish, for the Payment of the S'. Sums of Tob'. to the Sev'ral respective Parish Creditors to whom it is due, by Inspectors notes by the last day of may next. And it is also Order'd that the Clark of the Vestry take Bond as aforesaid, before he deliver a Copy of the Parish Charge and Order of Vestry to the Said Collector

Test

Dudley Williams Clark o' th' Vestry

At

[95]
At a Vestry held for Blisland Parish at the Upper Church October the 12th. 1756.

Present

The Rev. M'. Thacker  M'. Richmond Terrel
Maj'. John Power  Maj'. William Hogg
M'. Richard Allen  Maj'. Thruston James
Maj'. William Hockaday  Cap'. Gill Armistead
Maj'. John Richardson  M'. John Shermer
This Vestry Proceeds to Lay the Parish Levy
Blisland Parish

D'.

To the Rev. M'. Thacker, his Salary 16000 lb. & 4 £ C'. for Cask, & 4 £ C'. for Shrinkage 17280

To Dudley Williams, Clark of the Upper Church 1500 lb. & 4 £ C'. for Cask 60 1560

To M'. John Burn* Estate for Serving as Cl'. from Oc'. 15, 1755. till June 25. 1756 693

To M'. William Slater, for Officiating as Cl'. low'. Ch. from June 25. 1755. till Oc'. 12. 1756. 347

To Edward Newman Sexton at the upper Ch. 500. & 4 £ C'. 20. for washing the Surpl*. 100 620

To Edward Lively d'. at the lower d'. 500 & d'. 20 for d'. 100 620

To Daniel Steward, for keeping Lucy Gills 11 Months 600

To John Ball for keeping d'. 1 d'. 50

To the Maintainance of Tho*. Linsey 300

To Benj*. Tyree, for keeping Eliz*. Williams 700

To Elenor Pitman 600

To M'. Ben: Waller, for the List of Tithes 18

To M'. William Clayton, for two Copies of d'. 36

To Nicholas Valentine, for a Levy Overcharg'd in 1754 49 1/2

Present, M'. Isaac Goddin.— To Nicho*. Valentine 600

To Richard Linsey, For keeping Richard Haselw* Orphan of Jos. Haselw* dec'd 700

To M'. Richard Allen, Ch. W'rd'n For four Com- mun* for the Upper Church 400

To Maj'. John Power d'. For d'. d'. for the Lower d'. 400

To John Jeffers, for keeping Richard Gilm. 5 Months at 900 lb. £ Ann. 375

To D'. for his trouble with d'. in his Sicknefs 100

To Reb*. White, for keeping Geo. Smith's Child 666
To Tho. Smith, for Jam. Brown, Son of Jam. Brown dec'd. He is to keep him Three Years at the rate of 300\(^{th}\), \£ Annum: And then to keep him for the future, Clear from being any Charge to the Parish

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To Mary Farthing, for the Support of her Child

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To William Wood, for keeping Sarah Taylor 3 Months

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To Prudence Fisher, For her trouble with Reb. Williams

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To James Jones for his trouble with Mary Samson from Oc'. 15. 1755 till Feb'. 17. 1756. at £8. \£ Annum £2||13||4 Levied in Tob°. at 15/\£ 100

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To James Jones, for his trouble and Charge in, burying Mary Samson

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To Doct'. William Harwood his Acc'. for Sundry persons £13||18. Levied in Tob°. at 15/ \£ 100

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To Mary Charlton, For the Support of her Son William

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To Maj'. John Power his Acc'. 15/ Levied in Tob°. at 15/ \£ 100

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To the Ch. Wardens, For William Bennett, for repairs done at the Glebe

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To D°. To pay M°. Sam' Duval his Bal°. for an Addition to the Upper Church 4000

39594

To 6 %- Cent. for Collecting 39594b Tob°. 2375

41969

Deposited in the Collector's hands 59

42028

Blisland Parish C°.

By 1064 Tithes at 39½ %- Poll 42028

Order'd that M°. William Armistead, pay Cap¹. Gill Armistead 284b Tob°. Which was deposited in his hands at the laying the last Parish Levy.

Cap¹. Gill Armistead She'. is Appointed Collector the Ensuing Year, on giving Bond and Security at Ufual

Order'd that the Church Wardens demand and Receive Cap¹. William Kenney's Legacy to this Parish, for a Piece of Plate.

Maj'. John Power, and M°. Richard Allen, are Continued Church Wardens the Ensuing Year

Mem°. That Cap¹. Gill Armistead lodg'd his Acco¹, with the Clark o' th' Vestry.

Order'd that the Collector Pay the 284b Tob°. which was deposited in the Collector's hands last year, and the 59b. Tob°. deposited in his his hands this year, to Dunkerton Henry

Sign'd by C. Thacker Min'.
John Power  Ch. wardens
Rich². Allen

Test.

Dudley Williams. Clark O' th' Vestry
'Tis
[97]
'Tis Order'd by this present Vestry that the Parish Levy for this present Year, be Thirty Nine & one half Pounds of Tob°. P. poll: And that Cap'. Gill Armistead Sheriff of New Kent County do Collect the Said Thirty Nine and a half Pounds of Tob°. from Every Individual Titheable Person in this Parish; And on refusal of Payment, to Levy the Same by distrejs according to Law. The S°. Gill Armistead first Entering into Bond, with good and Sufficient Security, to the present Vestry of this Parish for the use of the Parish, for the Payment of the S°. Sums of Tob°. to the Several Respective Parish Creditors to whom it is due by the last day of May next. And it is also Order'd that the Clark of the Vestry take Bond as aforesaid, before he deliver a Copy of the Parish Charge, & Order of Vestry, to the S°. Collector.
Test.
Dudley Williams. Clark o' th' Vestry

[98]
At a Vestry held for Blisland Parish at the upper Church October the 6th. 1757.

Present

The Rev. M'. Thacker
Maj'. John Power, & Churchwardens
M'. Richard Allen
M'. Richmond Terrel, M'. John Shermer, &
Cap'. Thruston James Col Burwell Bajsett; who was
Cap'. Gill Armistead this day Chofe, and Sworn
M'. William Hogg,

This Vestry proceeds to lay the Parish Levy

Blisland Parish D'.
To the Rev. M'. Thacker, his Salary 16000° Tob°. lb Tob°.
To 4 $ C° for Cask on 16000° 640
To 4 $ C°. for Shrinkage on 16000° 640

\[17280\]
To Dudley Williams, Clark of the upper Church & Vestry 1500½. To 4 ½ C. on d. 640 1560
To M. William Slater, Clark of the lower Church 1000½. To 4 ½ C. on d. 40 1040
To Edward Newman, Sexton at the upper Church 500, & Cask 20. for washing the Surp. 100 620
To Edward Lively, Sexton at the lower Church 500½ & Cask 20. for washing the Surplice 100 620
To John Yates, for keeping Lucy Gills 650
To Ann Linsey 450
To D. Omitted last Year. To Maj. William Hockaday’s Estate 600
To the maintenance of Thomas Linsey 300
To Stephen Jones, for keeping Elenor Pitman 600
To Benjamin Tyree, for keeping Eliz. Williams 700
To Nicholas Valentine Sen’t. 600
To Mary Farthing, for the Support of her Child 300
To Francis Day 800
To Thomas Smith, for keeping James Brown, Son of James Brown dec’d 300
To M. Ben: Waller for a Copy of the List of Tithes 18
To M. William Clayton, for two Copies of the List of Tithes 36
To Richard Linsey, for keeping Richard Haselwood, Orphan of Joseph Haselwood dec’d 700
To Maj’t. John Power, for four Communions, for the lower Church 400
To M. Richard Allen for four d. for the upper Church 400
To Reb’t. White, for keeping George Smith’s Child 666
To M”t. Martha Gooch, for keeping Sarah Taylor 400
To Eliz’t. Linsey, for keeping Ann Linsey 173
To Joel Willis, for keeping Joseph Willis Eight weeks 300
To M'. William Armistead, his Acc¹. for Bricks for the Glebe 23/ in Tob⁰. @ 15/ 153
To M". Hannah Daingerfield, her Acc¹. her Acc¹. of £ 18||12||11 reduced to £ 15||14||10½. 2098
Levied in Tob⁰. @ 15/ £ C'.
To Cap¹. Gill Armistead, to pay Sam¹. Woodward, for Shingles for the Glebe 800
To Matthew Cole, for keeping two Children of John Eacho dec'd, from January the 21ⁿ. last, till now, @ 1200ᵗ. & Cask £ Ann 884

Carried forward — 33448

Brought forward

Brought forward 33448
To Prudence Fisher, for keeping Lydda Paul from Nov¹. 29ⁿ. 1756 till now, And for Curing Rebekah Williams's knee 800
To William Bennett, a Levy Overcharg'd last Year 39½
To Cap¹. Gill Armistead, his Acc¹. for Delinquents to David Johnson's in Hanover 15/ Levied in Tob⁰. @ 15/ £ C'. 100
To Edward Lively 400
To Cap¹. Gill Armistead, the Bal¹. of his Acc¹. 28/ Levied in Tob⁰. @ 15/ 186
To Isabella Gray 200
To Mary Charlton, for her Son William 500
To John Yates, for keeping Daniel Steward's Child 500
To Col. Burwel Bajsett, for work done at the Glebe, valued by M'. Sam¹. Duval at £ 24||10. Levied in Tob⁰. @ 15 £ C'. 3266
To the Collector, for the Ball¹. due to William Bennett, for Repairs done at the Glebe 2200
To Ann Brown, for Freedom dues (in Compliance with an Agreement this Vestry made with M'. Roger Williams the 24th. day of April 1725) £ 3||10 Levied in Tob°. @ 15/ Ʌ C'.

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\text{To 6 Ʌ. Cent for Collecting 42920\textsuperscript{th} Tob°.} \quad 2575
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\text{Deposited in the Collector's hands} \quad 405
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Blisland Parish

\text{By 1080 Tithes @ 42\frac{1}{2} Ʌ Poll} \quad 45900

Col. Burwel Bajsett was this day Chosen a Vestryman, in the room of Maj'. William Hockaday dec'd, and Accordingly Sworn.

Col. Burwel Bajsett, and Cap'. Thruston James, are Chosen Churchwardens, in the Stead of Maj'. John Power, & M'. Richard Allen; and Accordingly Sworn.

Cap'. Gill Armistead Sher. is Appointed Collector the ensuing Year, on giving Bond and Security as Usual.

Sign'd By C. Thacker Min'

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\text{Burwell Bajsett} \quad \text{Ch. wardens}
\}\text{Thruston James}

Test.

Dudley Williams. Clark o' the Vestry

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[101]

At a Vestry held for Blisland Parish at the lower Church October the 16\textsuperscript{th}. 1758.
Present

The Rev. M'. Thacker,
Col. Burwell Bajsett &
Maj'. Thruston James

M'. Leonard Henley, Col. Gill Armistead,
Col. John Richardson, M'. John Shermer,
Maj'. John Power, M'. Richard Allen and
M'. Richmond Terrel, M'. William Hogg.

This Vestry proceeds to lay the Parish Levy

Blisland Parish

To the Rev. M'. Thacker, his Salary 16000 lb Tob'.
To 4 3/4 C. on d°, for Cask 640 17280
To 4 3/4 C. on d°, for Shrinkage 640
To Dudley Williams Clark of the upper Church & Vestry 1500 lb Tob'.

To William Slater Clark of the lower Church 1000 lb Tob'.

To Edward Newman Sexton at the upper Church 500. To 4 3/4 C. on d°. 20 For washing the Surplice 100.

To Edward Lively Sexton at the lower Church 500. To 4 3/4 C. on d°. 20, for washing the Surplice 100.

To Dunkerton Henry, for keeping Lucy Gills 650
To Ann Linsey 450
To Thomas Linsey 300
To James Glasebrook, for keeping Eliz'. Williams 700
To Nicholas Valentine Sen'. Refer'd to the Churchwardens

To Francis Day 500
To Thomas Smith, for keeping James Brown, Orphan of James Brown, dec'd 300
To M'. Ben: Waller, for a Copy of the List of Tithes 18
| To M’. William Clayton, for two Copies of the Last of Tithes | 36 |
| To Maj’. Thruston James, for Four Commun’. at the lower Church | 400 |
| To Mary Farthing, for the Support of her Son Edward | 300 |
| To Reb’. White, for keeping George Smith’s Child | 600 |
| To Sarah Laffoon, for her trouble with Sarah Taylor in her Sicknrs & burying her | 100 |
| To Matthew Cole, for keeping two Children of John Eccho dec’ed at 1200 & Cask 29 Ann | 1248 |
| To William Fisher, the Bal’. of his Acco’. for his trouble with Lydday Paul, and burying her | 55 |
| To Edward Lively, Exclusive of his Salary | 350 |
| To Isabella Gray, refer’d to the Ch. wardens | — |
| To John Yates, for keeping Dan’. Steward’s Child | 400 |
| To D’. for keeping William Fletcher | 1440 |
| Debt Carried forward | 28967 |

Debt Carried forward

1b Tob’s.

Debt bro’t, forward

To M’. John Timberlake, his Acc’. for Setting up Benches and horseblocks &c at the supper Church £4||4||4. Levied in Tob’s. @ 2a. 508

To Elenor Banks, for keeping William Curle, Son of Jeremiah Curle four Months, & finding him Shoes and Stockings 25/ Levied in Tob’s. @ 2a. 150

To Col. Burwel Bafsett, the Bal’. of his Acc’. 24/2 levied in Tob’s. @ 2a. 145

To Maj’. Thruston James, paid Doctor Carter his acc’ ag’. Prud’. Fisher 19/ Levied in Tob’s. @ 2a 114
To Richard Creed Curle, for keeping Reb' Curle, daughter of Jeremiah Curle 25/ Levied in Tob'. @ 2d 150
To George Crump Patroler, Overcharg'd a Levy last year 42½
To Adam Byrd d°. d°. d°. 42½
To Ben. Ratcliffe d°. d°. d°. 42½
To William Vadin, for one Levy Overpaid last Year 42½
To Maj'. Thruston James, for a Bar'. of Corn for Sarah Fox 8/ in Tob'. @ 2d 48
To Col. Gill Armistead, the Bal'. of his Acco'. 568½
To James Jones, for keeping David Dormer three months 100
To John Ashwel, for keeping two of James Goodin's Children Eight Months £5. Levied in Tob'. @ 2d 600

31520
To 6 Sh C'. for Collecting 31520lb Tob'. 1891

33411
Deposited in the Collector's hands 189

33600
Blisland Parish C'
By 1050 Tithes at 32 Sh Poll 33600

Cap'. William Armistead is Chosen a Vestryman in the Stead of M'. John Rujsel dec'd.
Jemima Curle is appointed Sexton of the upper Church, in the room of Edward Newman.
M'. Richmond Allen D. She. is appointed Collector for the Ensuing Year, on giving Bond & Security as usual.
Col. Burwel Bafsett, & Maj'. Thruston James, are Continued Churchwardens for the Ensuing year.
Order'd that the Collector pay Stephen Jones 100" Tobo. for keeping Elenor Pitman Out of the depositum in his hands.
Sign'd by Chicheley Thacker Min'.
Burwell Bafsett Ch. Wardens
Thruston James
Test.
Dudley Williams, Clark o' the Vestry.

At a Vestry held for Blisland Parish at the upper Church the 9th day of Octo'. 1759.

Present
The Rev. M'. Thacker
Col. Burwel Bafsett, & Maj'. Thruston James Ch. Wardens
Col. John Richardson M'. Richard Allen, &
M'. Leonard Henley Col. Gill Armistead.
Maj'. John Power

This Vestry proceeds to lay the Parish Levy
Blisland Parish D'.

To the Rev. M'. Thacker's Salary 16000" Tobo. To 4 16 B C. on d'. for Cask 640" Tobo. To 4 16 B C. for Shrinkage 640" 17280
To Dudley Williams, Clark of the upper Church & Vestry 1500" Tobo. To 4 16 B C. on d'. for Cask 60 1560
To William Slater, Clark of the lower Church 1000. To 4 16 B C. on d'. for Cask 40 1040
To Jemima Curle, Sextonejs at the upper Ch. 500 & Cask 20. & for washing the Surplice 100 620
To Edward Lively, Sexton at the lower Ch. 500 & Cask 20. & for washing the Surplice 100 620
To Ann Linsey 600
To Thomas Linsey 300
To John Richardson, for keeping Eliz'. Williams 700
To Nicholas Valentine Sen. 600
To Francis Day 500
To M'. Ben: Waller, for a Copy of the List of Tithes 18
To M'. William Clayton, for two Cop'. d' 36
To Maj'. Thruston James, for four Commun'. for the lower Church 400
To Mary Farthing, for the Support of her Son Edward 300
To Reb'. White, for keeping George Smith's Child 600
To John Linsey, for keeping Isabella Gray 150
To Elenor Banks, for keeping William, the Son of Jeremiah Curle 500
To Richard Creed Curle, for keeping Reb'. a daughter of Jerem. Curle, from Octo'. till March 250
To John Yates, for keeping Lucy Gills two months at the rate of 650噼 Ann 108
To D'. for keeping John, Son of Dan'. Steward last year 400 508
To Richard Grout, for keeping William Bruce, from last March till this time 200

26782
To 6噼 C'. for Collecting 26782噼 Tob'. 1606

28388
Deposited in the Collector's hands 311½

28699½
Blisland Parish C'. By 1083 Tithes at 26½噼 poll 28699½
1759 Octo'. 9th.

Blisland Parish

For Sundry Cash Acco'.
Viz'. To Henry Dormer, his Acc'. for burying
John Bates, finding &c. £ 1|| 8|| 6
To Maj' Thruston James for 7 Bar'. Corn
@ 10/ £3||10 3||10||—
To D°. for paid Jam'. Hockad. for Sund'.
for Wm. Garland 11/10 —||11||10
To D°. his Acc'. for Hajsocks for the
lower Church —|| 9|| 8½

Carried forward to the Other Side £ 6||—||—½
[104]

Blisland Parish D'.
To the amount of Cash Acco'. bro'. forward from the Other Side £ 6||—||—½
To Martha Pigget, for keeping Mary Rowe
5 Months @ 5/ £9 month 1|| 5||—
To Kirby Washer, for keeping two of
John Eacho's Children 3||—||—
To Col. Gill Armistead, his Acco'
To M'. Thomas Cowles, his Acco'. for
blocks & benches at the lower Church 3|| 5||—
To Maj'. John Power, for paid Doct'. Harvey
his Acco'. 11/6 —||11|| 6
To Col John Richardson for a Bar'. Corn,
for Widow Eacho @ 10/ —||10||—
To William Fisher, for keeping John, Or-
phan of John Eacho dec'd two months 12|| 6

£ 17|| 7|| 5

The above Acco'. amounting to £17||7||5 is Order'd to be paid by M'. Richard Allen, Out of the Bal'. that is due from him to the Parish.
Maj'. John Power & Cap'. William Armistead, are Chosen Church Wardens in the Stead of Col. Burwel Bajsett & Maj'. Thruston James.

Order'd that the Church Wardens Enquire into what repairs are wanting at the Glebe, and Agree with Workmen to do the Same.

Order'd that the Church Wardens agree with Workmen to Make Such Repairs to the Upper Church as they Shall See necessary.

M'. Richmond Allen D. Sher. is appointed Collector the ensuing Year, on giving Bond & Security as usual.

Order'd that the Church Wardens agree with Workmen to build a house for the poor of this Parish on the Old Glebe.

Sign'd by C. Thacker Min'.

John Power Ch. Warden

Test

Dudley Williams, Clark O'the Vestry.

At

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At a Vestry held for Blisland Parish, at the lower Church, the 10th day of Nov'. 1760.

Present

Maj'. John Power, and Ch. ward'.

Cap'. William Armistead

Col. John Richardson, Col. Gill Armistead

Maj'. Thruston James, And

Col. Burwel Bajsett M'. Richard Allen

This Vestry proceeds to lay the Parish Levy

Blisland Parish D'.

lb Tob'.

To the Rev. M'. Thacker his Salary 16000° Tob'.

To 4 4 C'. on d'. for Cask 640°. & 4 4 C'. for Shrinkage 640° 17280
To Dudley Williams, Clark of the upper Church & vestry 1500\(^{15}\). To 4 \(\frac{3}{8}\) C\(^{6}\). on d\(^{4}\). for Cask 60\(^{15}\). 1560
To Richardson Henley, Clark of the lower Church 1000\(^{15}\). To 4 \(\frac{3}{8}\) C\(^{4}\). on d\(^{4}\). for Cask 40\(^{15}\) 1040
To Jemima Curle, Sextonejs at the upper Church 500\(^{15}\) & Cask 20. & for washing the Surplice 100\(^{15}\). 620
To Edward Lively, Sexton at the lower Church 500\(^{15}\). & Cask 20\(^{15}\). & for washing the Surplice 100 620
To Ann Linsey 600
To Thomas Linsey 300
To M\(^{4}\). Eliz\(^{6}\). Burnett, for keeping Eliz\(^{6}\). Williams 700
To Francis Day 500
To Mary Farthing, for the Support of her Son Edward 300
To M\(^{4}\). Benj\(^{6}\). Waller, for a Copy of the List of Tithes 18
To M\(^{4}\). William Clayton, for a Copy of the List of Tithes 18
To Maj\(^{4}\). John Power, for four Communions, for the lower Church 400
To Cap\(^{4}\). William Armistead, for four Communions for the upper Church 400
To Eleanor Banks, for keeping William, the Son of Jeremiah Curle 600
To Edward Lively, Exclusive of his Salary as Sexton 400
To Reb\(^{4}\). White, for keeping George Smith's Child 600
To John Linsey, for keeping J|sabella Gray 250
To Richard C. Curle 400
To James Jones, for keeping David Dormer Eight Months at 1500\(^{15}\) \(\frac{3}{8}\) Annum 1000
To Eliz\(^{4}\). Wall, for her Care & trouble with W\(^{4}\). Garland's Children from the time of his death 200
To Marg'. Manning, for keeping two of Sackville M'hone's Children last Year
800
To Sarah Fox, for keeping two of Joseph Foxes Children last Year
400
To Charles Hankin, for boarding Mary Row, finding Shoes &c.
550
To Matthew Cole, for keeping Benj'. Eacho
500
To Joel Willis, for keeping Tho'. Twin's Child Eighteen Months
600
To John Ashwel, for keeping James Goodin's Child two Years
800
To M'. Richmond Allen, Collector, Bal'. of his Acc'*. in 1759 & 1760
264½

31720½

To Tob'. for the Ch. Wardens to pay the Several Cash Acco'*. hereafter mention'd &c.
7000

38720½

To 6 £ C'. for Collecting 38720½ Tob'.
2323

41043½

To Deposited in the Collector's hands, to be paid the Church Wardens
797

Blisland Parish C'. By 1046 Tithes at 40 £ poll Cash acco'*. carried over
41840

[106]
1760 Nov'. 10th.
Blisland Parish, To Sundry Cash Acco'*. D'.
Viz'.
To Jemima Curle, for mending the Surplice, Communion Cloth, Pulpit Cloth & Cushion
£—||10||—
To Doctor William Harvey, his Acco'. for Eliz'. Kitson's board & finding her medicines to be paid Col. Gill Armistead

To Col. Gill Armistead Exör of M'. John Rufe' sel dec'd, his Acco'

To Col. Gill Armistead & C'. Acco'.

To Col. Gill Armistead, his Acco'

To Walter Rawleigh, his Acco'. for Materials for the upper Church £113½

To D'. his Acco'. for work done to the upper Church 810

To James Tyree, his Acco'. for boarding Walter Rawleigh & his 'prentices 71 days while at work on the upper Church £210

To James Tyree, his Acco'. for Wheat, & Lyme & bricks for the upper Church 7

To William Farthing, his Acco'. for Brick-layer's work &c. at the upper Church

To Edward Valentine, for a Bar'. of Corn, for Richard Creed Curle

To Col. Burwel Bajsett, his Acco'. for Plank &c for the upper Church 33 13½

To James Wade, his Acco'. for five Bar'. Corn for Edw'. Lively, & 3 Bar'. for Betty Jones, in all Eight Bar'. at 11/ 4 Bar'.

To Edward James, his Acco'. for Sundries for John Eacho

To William Mutlow, for keeping Mary Row two months at 5/ 9 month
To Maj'. John Power, for paid M'. William Brown, for Six Bushels of Corn, for Widow Charlton

\[
\text{The amount of the Sundry Cash Acco}^\text{ns.}
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\[
\text{to be paid by the Ch. Wardens} \quad \text{£ 35}11\text{|| 9}
\]

M'. William Smith D. Sher, is appointed Collector, on giving Bond & Security.

Maj'. John Power & Cap'. William Armistead are Continued Church Wardens.

Order'd the Church Wardens have Such repairs made on the Glebe as they Shall See necessary.

Betty, a Negrowoman belonging to M'. Julius K. Burbidge is Exempted from paying her Parish Levy, on Account of her blindnefs.

John Taylor, Son of John Taylor dec'd, is Exempted from paying his Parish Levy, on Account of his Infirmity.

Sign'd by John Power \{Ch. wardens.

William Armistead

Test.

Dudley Williams, Clark O'the Vestry.

At

[107]

At a Vestry held for Blisland Parish at the upper Church the 19\textsuperscript{th}. day of October 1761.

Present

The Rev: M'. Thacker Min'.

Maj'. William Armistead, Ch. warden,

Col. John Richardson \quad \text{Col Burwel Baptist}

M'. Richmond Terrel, \quad \text{Maj'. Thruston James}

M'. Richard Allen \quad \text{and}

Col. Gill Armistead \quad \text{M'. John Shermer.}
This Vestry proceeds to lay the Parish Levy
Blisland Parish

D'.

lb. Tob".

To the Rev. M'. Thacker his salary 16000" Tob°. To
4 2/3 C'. on d°. for Cask 640" & 4 2/3 C'. for
Shrinkage 640"

17280

To Dudley Williams Clark of the upper Church &
Vestry 1500" To 4 2/3 C'. on d°. for Cask 60

1560

To Richardson Henly Clark of the lower Church
1000. To 4 2/3 C'. on d°. for Cask 40

1040

To Jemima Curle Sexton* of the upper Church 500
& Cask 20 for washing the Surplice 100

620

To Edward Lively Sexton of the lower Church the
same

620

To Ann Linsey

600

To Thomas Linsey

300

To Elizabeth Burnett for keeping Elizabeth Willi-
ams

700

To Mary Farthing for the support of her son Ed-
ward

300

To M'. Benjamin Waller for a Copy of the list of
Tithes

18

To M'. William Clayton, a Copy of d°.

18

To Maj'. John Power for four Communions for the
lower Church

400

To Maj'. William Armistead for four Communions
for the upper Church

400

To the Church Wardens for William the son of
Jeremiah Curle

600

To Rebekah White for keeping George Smiths
Child

600

To Richard Creed Curle towards his Maint*

400

To Richard* Tharp for keeping David Dormer

1500

*Note! This name may be "Sharp"; it is hard to decipher.—
C. G. C.
To David Allen for keeping William Charlton 1200
To Matthew Cole for keeping Benj. Eacho 600
To William Hart for keeping Thomas Duco 600
To d". for keeping the widow Rowe 600
To William Geddy for keeping Clift Duco 600
To Mary Jones towards his maint* 400
To Burnal Rulfsell for keeping two of William Gar- 
lands Children 900
To Sarah Fox for keeping two of Joseph Foxes 
Children 500
To Joel Willis for keeping Thomas Twin's Child 400
To Eliz*. Farthing, for keeping Eliz*. Dunkerton 
Seven Months 400

33156

C'. By M'. William Smith, the Bal'. of his Acco'. 792

32364

D'. To 6 ? 6 Cent for Collecting 32364lb Tob°. 1941

34305

Blisland Parish C'
By 1069 Tithes at 32lb. Tob°. ? poll 34208

Due to the Collector 97

1761 Oct'. 19th.

D'. Blisland Parish. To Sundry Cash Acco'ts. Viz'.
To William Jones, for keeping Lucy Tyree, Or-
phan of Roger Tyree dec'd £ 5½—||—
To Cap't. William Richardson, for Expences in 
burying Thomas Dugar —||15½—
To William Geddy, for Clothing Clift Dugar 1||—|| 3
To Frances Foulkes, for mending the Surplice, 
finding linen & Thread —|| 8|| 6
To Col. Gill Armistead & C°. bal°. of Acco'. 6|| 8|| 5½
To Col. Gill Armistead, bal. of his Acc' —|| 4|| 2
To John Yates, for keeping W™. Fletcher three
months from laying the Levy in 1759 3||—||—

£ 16||16|| 4½

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Order'd that Maj'. William Armistead pay the several
Cash Acco". levied by the Parish, together with other Cash
Acco". which are unsettled, Out of the Bal. of Cash in
his hands.
M'. William Smith D. Sher. is Appointed Collector the
Ensuining Year, on giving Bond and Security as Usual.
Cap' William Richardson, Cap' William Macon, and
Cap'. Edward Power are chosen Vestrymen in the stead of
M'. Leonard Henley dec'd, M'. Isaac Goddin dec'd and
M'. William Hogg dec'd.
M'. John Shermer and Col. Gill Armistead are Chosen
Churchwardens in the Room of Maj'. John Power and
Maj'. William Armistead.
Order'd that the Church Wardens agree with workmen
to build a workhouse, for the poor of this Parish, on the
old Glebe, pursuant to and Order of Vestry 1759, of Such
dimensions as they Shall think necessary.
Order'd that the Church Wardens Send to Great Britain
for Table linen for the Communion Table.
Order'd that the Church Wardens demand and receive
of the Representatives of Cap'. William Kenney dec'd the
Legacy given by the S™. Kenney for a piece of plate for
this Parish, pursuant to a former Order of Vestry.

Sign'd by C. Thacker Min'.
John Shermer  
G. Armistead  
Churchwardens

Test

Dudley Williams, Clark O’ the Vestry

At
At a Vestry held for Blisland Parish, at the upper Church, the 12th day of November 1762.

Present

The Rev. M'. Thacker Min'. M'. Richard Allen,
M'. John Shermer Ch. Warden, Cap'. William Macon,
Col. John Richardson, And
Maj'. John Power, Cap'. Edward Power.
Maj'. Thurston James,

This Vestry proceeds to lay the Parish Levy.

Blisland Parish D'.

To the Rev. M'. Thacker, his Salary 16000 lb Tob'.
To 4 4 C'. on d°. for Cask 640 & 4 4 C'. for shrinkage 640
17280
To Dudley Williams, Clark of the upper Church &
Vestry 1500. To 4 4 C'. on d°. for Cask 60
1560
To Richardson Henley, Clark of the lower Church
1000. To 4 4 C'. on d°. for Cask 40
1040
To Jemima Curle, Sextonejs of the upper Church
500 & Cask 20 & for washing the Surplice
100
620
To Edward Lively, Sexton of the lower Church
500 & Cask 20 & for washing the Surplice
100
620
To Thomas Linsey 300. To Ann Linsey 600
900
To M'. Eliz*, Burnett, for keeping Eliz*, Williams
700
To Mary Farthing, for the Support of her Son Edward
300
To M'. Benj*. Waller, for a Copy of the List of
Tithes
18
To Cap'. William Clayton, for two Copies of the
List of Tithes
36
To Col. Gill Armistead’s Estate, for four Communions, for the upper Church 400
To M’. John Shermer, for four Communions for the Tower Church 400
To Reb’. White, for keeping George Smith’s Child Present Maj’. William Armistead 600
To Richard Creed Curle, a further allowance towards his Maintainance 400
To Maj’. Thruston James, for keeping David Dormer 1500
To David Allen, for keeping William Charlton 1000
To William Hart, for keeping widow Rowe 800
To Thomas Smith, for keeping Cliff Dugar 500
To Mary Jones 600
To Burnal Rujsel, for keeping two of William Garland’s Children 900
To Sarah Fox, for keeping two of Joseph Foxes children 600
To Joel Willis, for keeping Thomas Twn’s child 500\(^{1}\), and 100\(^{1}\) Omitted last year 100\(^{1}\) 600
To David Haselwood, for keeping Eliz’. Dunkerston 800
To Maj’. William Armistead, for Marg’. Mannings keeping two of Sackvile M’hone’s Children two Year, to be paid her 1600
To John Yates, for keeping John, the Son of Daniel Steward dec’d 350
To Matt’. Cole, for Lydda Gadberry’s keeping John Goodin from January the 8\(^{th}\). 1761, till October 29\(^{th}\). 1762 800

Debt Carried Over 34924

[110]
1762 Nov’. 12\(^{th}\). Blisland Parish D’. 1b Tob’.
To Debt brought over from the Other Side 34924
To Maj'. William Armistead, for Mary Jeffers' keeping three of the Children of John Jeffers dec'd from April the 12th. 1762 till Nov.' 12th. 1762, 600
To Edward Lively, Exclusive of his Salary as Sexton, 400
To M'. William Smith Collector, the Bal' of his Acco'. 193
To Maj'. William Armistead, to pay Several Cash Acco". 3500

600 + 400 + 193 + 3500 = 41994

To 6 £ C'. for Collecting 39617th Tob'. 2377

39617 £ 2377 = 41994

Blisland Parish
By 1088 Tithes at 38½th Tob'. £ poll 41888

Due to the Collector 106

Order'd that Maj'. William Armistead, M'. William Smith & Dudley Williams, meet as Soon as Conveniently they can, and proportion the Parish Levy.

M'. William Smith D Sher. is appointed Collector the Ensuing Year, on giving Bond & Security as Usual.

William Hart is Chosen Sexton of the lower Church, in the Stead of Edward Lively, who resign'd that Office.

M'. William Daingerfield is Chosen a Vestryman in the Stead of Col. Gill Armistead dec'd.

Cap'. William Macon, and Cap'. Edward Power, are Chosen Church Wardens, in the Stead of Col. Gill Armistead dec'd, & M'. John Shermer, who resign'd that Office.

Sign'd by C. Thacker Min'.
John Shermer Ch. ward'.

Test
Dudley Williams, Clark O' the Vestry
Pursuant to an Order of Vestry dated Nov. 12th. 1762, We the Subscribers have met, and proportion'd the Parish Levy, & find it to be Thirty Eight & a half pounds of Tob. poll, & One hundred & Six pounds of Tob. due to the Collector from the Parish, as above. Witnes's Our hands January the 28th. 1763.

William Armistead
Wm. Smith
Dud. Williams

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At a Vestry held for Blisland Parish, at the upper Church, the 25th. day of April 1763.

Present

Cap'. William Macon, Ch. warden.

(who was this day Sworn into that Office)
M'. Richmond Terrel, M'. John Shermer,
Maj'. John Power, Maj'. William Armistead,
Maj'. Thruston James, Col. Burwel Bajsett, and

Order'd that Dudley Williams, Clark of the Vestry, take the Register Books of this Parish into his care, And that the Clarks of Each Church give notice, that the Births & deaths in this Parish, are to be Registered by the S'a. Williams.

Order'd that Richard Creed Curle, be discharged from paying his Parish Levy on Account of his Infirmity.

Order'd that Maj'. William Armistead pay M'. John Timberlake Fifteen Shillings, for making and fixing a Dial-post, for the upper Church.

Sign'd by William Macon, Ch. warden.

Test
Dudley Williams, Clark O'the Vestry.
At a Vestry held for Blisland Parish, at the upper Church, the 13th. day of June 1763.

Present

Cap'. William Macon { Ch. wardens
Cap'. Edward Power
M'. Richmond Terrel, M'. John Shermyn,
Maj'. John Power, Col. Burwel Bajsett,
Maj'. Thruston James, Maj'. William Armistead, and
M'. Richard Allen, Cap'. William Richardson.

The Rev. M'. Price Davies, having offered to Serve this Parish as Minister; the Sth. Vestry do agree to Accept of him as the Minister of this Parish: And the Sth. Vestry do agree to allow him at the laying the next Parish Levy, according to Act of Assembly, for the discharge of his Ministerial Function, from the 22th. day of May last, till laying the Levy; and also to allow the Sth. M'. Davies for his Board the Sth. time, in Consideration of his not being in possession of the Glebe.

M'. James Hockaday is Chosen a Vestryman, in the stead of Col. John Richardson dec'd.

Sign'd by Price Davies Minister
William Macon { Church Wardens
Edward Power

Test

Dudley Williams, Clark O' the Vestry

At

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At a Vestry held for Blisland Parish at Chiswel's Ordinary, the 21st. day of November 1763.

Present

Cap'. Edward Power, Ch. warden
Maj'. John Power Cap'. William Richardson,
Maj'. Thruston James, and
M'. Richard Allen M'. James Hockaday
Maj'. William Armistead
This Vestry proceeds to lay the Parish Levy.

Blisland Parish

To the Rev. M'. Thacker's Estate, late Minister of this Parish, Salary from laying the Levy in 1762 till the 19th of March 1763 at 16000 lb. Tob. 7291 Ann. 6749 lb. Tob. To 4 3/4 C. on d. for Cask 271 lb. & 4 3/4 C. for Shrinkage 271 lb.

To the Rev. M'. Price Davies, present Minister of this Parish, his Salary, from the 22d. day of May last till October the 22d. 1763, at 1600 lb. Tob. 7197 Ann. 6665 lb. To 4 3/4 C. on d. for Cask 266 lb. and 4 3/4 C. for Shrinkage 266 lb.

To Dudley Williams, Clark of the upper Church & Vestry, 1500 lb. & 4 3/4 C. for Cask 60 1560 To Richardson Henley, Clark of the lower Church, 1000 lb. & 4 3/4 C. for Cask 40 1040 To Jemima Curle, Sextonefs of the upper Church, 500 lb. & Cask 20 lb. To d. for washing the Surplice 100 lb. 620 To William Hart, Sexton of the lower Church 500 lb. & Cask 20 lb. & for wash. Surplice 100 lb. 620 To Thomas Linsey 300 To Mrs. Eliz. Burnett, for keeping Eliz. Williams 700 To Mary Farthing, for the Support of her Son Edward 300 To M'. Ben: Waller, for a Copy of the List of Tithes 18 To Cap'. William Clayton, for two Copies of the List of Tithes 36 To Jeremiah Martin, for keeping Ann Linsey 1065 To William Hart, for keeping Mary Rowe 950 lb. and for keeping William Garland's two Children till this time 1000 lb. 2050
Present Col. Burwel Baísett & M'. William Dain-gerfield
To Matthew Cole, for keeping widow Gadberry's Child & John Goodin 1200

'D'. Carried forward 23997

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1763. Nov 21st.
Blisland Parish D'.

To Debt brought forward 23997

To Sarah Fox for keeping Joseph Foxes two Children 750
To David Allen, for keeping William Charlton till June 6th. 1763 533
To Robert Buchan, in Maj'. William Armistead's hands, for keeping Betty Kitson, till 1763, & burying her 600
To Cap'. William Macon, for keeping Cliff Dugar 500
To D'. for two Communions for the upper Church 250
To William Geddy, for keeping Thomas Dugar, who is to be bound to the S'a. Geddy, & Geddy to Clear him from further Charge to the Parish 600
To Richard Creed Curle, a further allowance towards his Maintainance 400
To Maj'. Thruston James, for keeping David Dormer 1500
To Mary Jones, in Maj'. William Armistead's hands 800
To Joel Willis, for keeping Thomas Twins Child 500
To David Haselwood, for keeping Eliz'. Dunkerton 1000
To Marg'. Manning, for keeping two of Sackvile M'hone's Children 800
To Edward Lively 800
To Ann Taylor, (in Maj. William Armistead’s hands) for the Support of her Son John Taylor 600
To M’. William Smith, D. Sher. & Collector, his Acco’ 595
To Cap’. Edward Power, for two Communions, for the lower Church 250

To 6 ½ C’ for Collecting 34475 lb Tob°. 2068

Blisland Parish C’

By 1100 Tithes at 34 lb. Tob°. pole 37400
The Debt as above, is 36543

Deposited in the Collector’s hands 857 Tob°. to be paid to the Church wardens towards repairs on the Glebe

N. B. The Cash Acco’ & Orders Carried over to the other Side 1763.

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1763. November the 21 st.
Blisland Parish

To Sundry Cash Acco’’, to be paid by Maj’ William Armistead Out of the Bal’ of Tob° in his hands

Viz’. To M’ Richard Allen, for boarding the Rev. M’ Price Davies Minister of this Parish 10|| 8|| 4
from June 21st. last till laying the levy, for the deficiency of the Glebe’s not being in his possession, at the rate of £ 25 £ Annum
To David Allen's Accr. for burying William Charlton
To William Mutlow, his Accr. for Corn to Sundry persons
To M'. John Timberlake, for Corn for Mary Jeffers, & Cap. William Macon's Order

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M'. William Smith D. Sher. is appointed Collector, on giving Bond & Security as usual.
William Swiney is discharg'd from paying his Parish Levy, on Account of his being lame in his Arm

Sign'd by
Edward Power
Richard Allen

Church Wardens.

Test
Dudley Williams, Clark O' the Vestry.

At

[115]

At a Vestry held for Blisland Parish at the upper Church the 12th. day of October 1764.

Present

The Rev. M'. Price Davies Min'.
M'. Richard Allen
Cap. Edward Power
Church Wardens

Col. Burwel Bajsett
Maj'. William Armistead
Maj'. Thruston James
Cap'. William Richardson
M'. John Shermer
And
M'. James Hockaday

This Vestry proceeds to lay the Parish Levy, and to Examine the Returns of Proce'sioners.
Blisland Parish

Deb'.

To the Rev. M'. Price Davies Min'. his Salary 16000

To 4 c on d'. for Cask 640 & 4 ct. for lb Tob'.

Shrinkage 640

17280

To Dudley Williams, Clark of the upper Church & Vests-

try 1500. To 4 c on d'. for Cask 60

1560

To Richardson Henley, Clark of the lower Church 1000

To 4 c. on d'. for Cask 40

1040

To Jemima Curle, Sextonejs of the upper Church (in

the hands of M'. Richard Allen Church Warden) 500

& Cask 20. & for washing the Surplice 100

620

To William Hart Sexton of the lower Church 500 &

Cask 20, & for washing the Surplice 100

620

To Thomas Linsey 300

To M'. Eliz'. Burnett, for keeping Eliz'. Williams 800

To Mary Farthing, for the Support of her Son Edward 300

To M'. Ben. Waller, for a Copy of the List of Tithes 18

To Cap'. William Clayton, for two Copies of the List of

Tithes 36

To Mary Farthing, for keeping Ann Linsey 1065

To William Hart, for keeping two of the Children of

William Garland dec'd 1200

To William Hart, for Clearing the lower Church Yard 50

To Matthew Cole, for keeping the wid'. Gadberry's Child

& John Goodin 1200

To Sarah Fox, for keeping Joseph Foxes two Children 800

To M'. Richard Allen, Church Warden, for four Com-
mun'. for the upper Church 500

To Cap'. Edward Power, Church Warden, for four Com-
mun'. for the lower Church 500

To Benj'. Allen, for keeping Mary Row 950

Present M'. William Daingerfield

To Maj'. Thruston James, for keeping David Dormer 1500
NEW KENT COUNTY, VIRGINIA, 1721-1786

To Maj'. William Armistead, for Mary Jones 1000
To Joel Willis, for keeping Tho'. Twin's Child 500
To David Haselwood, for keeping Eliz'. Dunkerton 1000
To Marg'. Manning's Est'. for keeping two of Sackv'.
  M'hone's Children 1000
To Edward Lively 1000
To Ann Taylor, for the Support of her son John Taylor 700

Debt Carried Over 35539

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Blisland Parish

Blisland

Deb'.

1764 October 12th.
To Debt bro'. Over 35539
To John Wall, for keeping two Children of John Jeffers
dec'd 900
To d°. for d°. Short paid last Year 43
To the Bal°. of M'. William Smith's Acco'. 306
To James Tyree, for keeping John, Son of Dan'.
  Steward dec'd from 1762 till this time 800
To Tob°. in Maj'. William Armistead's hands, to pay
  Sundry Cash Acc°'. 3000

40588

To 6 ⁴⁄₉ C'. for Collecting 40588° Tob°. 2435

43023

Deposited in the Collector's hands 135

43158

Blisland Parish

Cred'.

By 1121 Tithes @ 38½ ⁴⁄₉ poll 43158

M'. William Smith D. Sher. is appointed Collector the En-
suing Year, on giving Bond & Security as usual.
M'. William Daingerfield & Cap'. William Richardson, are
Chosen Church-Wardens, in the stead of M'. Richard Allen,
& Cap'. Edward Power.

On the Petition of M'. John Timberlake, to have an Old
Negro man Jack, to be discharg'd from paying his Parish Levy,
he is accordingly discharg'd on account of his being unable to do
any Service.

The Returns of the Several Proce$ioners in this Parish, were
this day Examin'd by the Vestry, and Order'd to be Recorded
in the Vestrybook of this Parish, for that purpose.

Sign'd by Price Davies Rector
William Daingerfield & Ch. Wardens
William Richardson

Test
Dudley Williams, Clark O' the Vestry.

[117]
At a Vestry held for Blisland Parish at the lower Church
October the 21st. 1765.

Present
Col. William Daingerfield & Ch. wardens
Cap'. William Richardson
Maj'. Thruston James
M'. Richard Allen
Maj'. William Armistead
M'. John Shermer
and
M'. James Hockaday

This Vestry proceeds to lay the Parish Levy, & Examine the
Entry of the Proce$ioners Returns.

Blisland Parish

To the Rev. M'. Price Davies Min'. his Salary 16000
To 4 29 C. on d°. for Cask 640, & 4 29 C. lb Tob°.
for Shrinkage 640
To Dudley Williams, Clark of the upper Church & Vest-
try 1500. To 4 29 C. on d°. for Cask 60
To Richardson Henley, Clark of the lower Church 1000
To 4 ½ C. on d°. for Cask 40 1040
To John Yates, Sexton at the upper Church 500 & Cask 20, & for washing the Surplice 100 620
To William Hart Sexton at the lower Church 500 & Cask 20, & for washing the Surplice 100 620
To M°. Ben. Waller, for a Copy of the List of Tithes 18
To Cap". William Clayton, for two Copies of the List of Tithes 36
To Martha Bush, for keeping Tho°. Linsey 300
To Mary Farthing, for keeping Ann Linsey 1065 and for her Son Edward 301 1365
To M°°. Eliz°. Burnett, for keeping Eliz°. Williams 800
To Col. William Daingerfield, for four Commun°. for the upper Church 500
To Cap°. William Richardson, for four d°. for the lower Church 500
To William Hart, for keeping two Children of William Garland dec'd 1200
To Sarah Fox, for keeping two Children of Jos. Fox dec'd 800
To Ben. Allen, for keeping Mary Row 950
To Richard Linsey, for keeping a Child of W°. Gadberry dec'd & a Child of Jam°. Goodin dec'd 1200
To Maj°. Thruston James, for keeping David Dormer till July 5°. last past 1120
To Col. Wm Daingerfield, for Mary Jones, to be divided between Stephen Jones and Jemima Curle according to Each persons Expence 1000
To David Haslewood, for keeping Eliz° Dunkerton from Octo°. 12°. till Nov. 24°. & burying her M°°. dec'd 250
To Sarah Manning, for keeping two Children of Sackv°. 1000
To Eliz°. Lively 500
To Ann Taylor, for the Support of her Son John 600
To John Wall, for keeping three Children of John Jeffers dec'd 1000
To William Smith Collector, the Bal. of his Acc. 522
To 2000 in Maj'. William Armistead's hands, towards paying the Cash Acco'. And repairs for the upper Church 2000

To 6 ¾ C. for Collecting 367811b Tob. 2206

Blisland Parish Cred'.
By 1096 Tithes at 35½1b Tob. ¾ poll 38908

Due to the Collector 79

N. B. The Sundry Cash Acco'. allow'd by this Vestry, are Over on the Other side

Blisland

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Blisland Parish Deb'.
1765 October 21st.
To Sundry Cash Acco'., to be paid with the Bal. in Maj'. William Armistead's hands Viz'.

To the Bal'. of Col. William Daingerfield's Acco' £ 4 || 9 ||—
To William Jones for keeping Lucy Tyree 5 ||—||—
To Charles Hankin's Acco' for 5 Bar'. Corn at 10/ 2 ||10 ||—
To Tho'. Hatton's Acco' for a Coffin for David Dormer — ||15 ||—
To Dud. Williams & James Hockaday's Acco'. for Sund'. for Lucy Tyree 1 ||—|| 8
To William Geddy's Acco'. for work done to the lower Church 3 || 2 || 6

£16 ||17 || 2
Col. William Daingerfield and Cap'. William Richardson are Continued Church Wardens for the Ensuing Year.

Order'd that Maj'. William Armistead Settle and pay Ben. Allen his Acco'. for his Expences in Burying Mary Row, Out of the Cash in his hands.

Order'd that Col. William Daingerfield & Maj'. William Armistead, meet and proportion the Parish Levy, & return it to the Clark of the Vestry to Enter Accordingly.

M'. Wm Smith D. Sher. is appointed Collector the Ensuing Year, on giving Bond & Security as usual.

This day, the Entry of the Returns of the Proce¶sioners in 1764 in the Vestrybook, were Examined by the Vestry, from the Several Copies return’d; And are found to be Enter’d Agreable to the Said Copies.

Toney, a Negro man, belonging to M'r. Reb'. Hockaday, is discharged from paying his Parish Levy, on Account of his Age and Infirmitiy.

Sign’d by Wm Daingerfield Ch. Wardens.

Wm Richardson

Test

Dudley Williams, Clark O' the Vestry.

Pursuant to an Order of Vestry dated October 21st. 1765 We the Subscribers have met, and proportioned the Parish Levy, and find it to be 35½2th of Tob'. 520 poll, and a Bal'. of 79th Tob'. due to the Collector. Given under Our hands this 24th. day of March 1766

William Daingerfield

William Armistead

Test

Dudley Williams, Clark O' the Vestry

At
At a Vestry held for Blisland Parish at the upper Church October 20th. 1766.

Present

The Rev. M. Price Davies Min'.
Cap’. William Richardson Ch. Warden,
Col. Burwell Basset, M’. Richard Allen,
M’. Richmond Terrell, M’. John Shermer
Maj’. Thruston James, and

This Vestry proceeds to lay the Parish Levy

Blisland Parish

To the Rev. M’. Price Davies Min’. his Salary 16000lb Tob°.
To 4 3/4 C’. on d°. for Cask & 4 3/4 C’. for Shrinkage 1280
To Dudley Williams, Clark of the upper Church & Vestry, 1500. To 4 3/4 C’. on d°. for Cask 60
To Richardson Henley, Clark of the lower Church 1000. To 4 3/4 C’. on d°. for Cask 40
To John Yates, Sexton at the upper Church 500 & Cask 20 & for washing the Surplice 100
To William Hart, Sexton at the lower Church 500 & Cask 20 & for washing the Surplice 100
To Col. William Daingerfield, for four Communions, for the upper Church
To Cap’. William Richardson, for four d°. for the lower d°.
To M’. Ben. Waller, for a Copy of the List of Tithes 18
To Cap’. William Clayton, for two Copies of d°. 36
To Martha Bush, for keeping Tho’. Linsey 300
To William Banks, for keeping Ann Linsey till Sep’. 12th. 1766 @ 1200 £ Annum
To John Piggett, for keeping two Children of William Garland dec’d 1200
To Sarah Fox for keeping a Son of Joseph Fox, dec'd 400
To Richard Linsey, for keeping a Child of Wm Gadberry dec'd & a Child of James Goodin dec'd 1400
To Sarah Manning, for keeping two Children of Sackville M'hone dec'd 800
To Eliz'. Lively. 500 To Ann Taylor, for the Support of her Son John Taylor 600
To John Wall, for keeping a Child of John Jeffer dec'd 550
To Dickson Haslewood, for keeping a Child of d° dec'd 400
To Mary Farthing, for the Support of her Son Edward Farthing 500
To Elisha Bennett, for keeping Sarah Valentine Seven Months 700
To Mary Hogg, for keeping d° Three Months 300
To Joel Willis, for keeping Tho'. Twin's Child last year 300. & for d°. this year 200 500
To M°. Wm Smith Collector, the Bal°. of his Acc°. Including 79 due to him last year 647
To Tob°. in Maj'. William Armistead's hands to pay the Several Cash Acc°. & repairing up'. Ch. 3000

To 6 $ C°. for Collecting 35071° Tob°. 2104

Deposited in the Collector's hands 277½

Blisland Parish Cred°.
By 1055 Tithes @ 35½ $ poll 37452½

Cash Acc°. for this Vestry Carried Over

Blisland
1766 October 20th.

To John Lewis & Co. for Sund'. £ James Taylor as £ 2|| 6||11
To Reb'. Lilly for keeping Lucy Tyree 5||—||—
To Mary Ashcraft, for one Bar'. Corn —||15||—
To Eliz'. Lively for two Bar'. Corn 1||10||—
To Daniel Slater, for Sund'. for William Jeffers as £ Acco.

To M'. Tho'. Cowles, for Setting up benches at the lower Ch. 1||10||—
To William Banks, for Expences in burying Ann Linsey —||15||—
To Ben. Tyree, for keeping Priscilla Day's Child 3½ months 1||15||—

15|| 1|| 5

M'. Will. Smith D. Sheriff, is appointed Collector the Ensuing Year, on giving Bond & Security as Usual.
M'. Richmond Allen is chosen a Vestryman, in the Stead of Cap'. William Macon dec'. And M'. Richardson Henley, is Chosen a Vestryman, in the Stead of Cap'. John Power, who is removed out of this Parish.

Sign'd by Price Davies Rector
William Richardson Ch. Warden.

Test

Dudley Williams, Clark O' the Vestry

At
At a Vestry held for Blisland Parish at the lower Church the 1st. day of October 1767.

Present

M'. James Hockaday, Ch. Maj'. William Armistead,
Cap'. Richmond Allen, ward'. M'. John Shermer,
Maj'. Thruston James,       Cap'. William Richardson,
Col. Burwell Bassett,       Col. William Daingerfield, and
M'. Richard Allen,          M'. Richardson Henley.

This Vestry proceeds to lay the Parish Levy, and Appoint Processioners.

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<td>To Mary Farthing, for the Support of her Son Edward</td>
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To Tho. Smith, for keeping Sarah Valentine from Octo'. 27th. last at 1000 £ Annum 926
To Ann Taylor, for the Support of her Son John Taylor 480
To M'. Lancelott Woodward, for keeping Eliz'. Williams two months & twelve days from laying the Levy in 1765 & for Burying her 200
To William Hart's Estate, for keeping James Garland, Orphan of William Garland dec'd. And John Goodin, Orphan of James Goodin dec'd. from Nov'. 17th. last @ 1200 £ Ann 1050
To John Wall, for keeping an Orphan of John Jeffers dec'd. 550
To Sarah Fox, for keeping an Orphan of Joseph Fox dec'd. 400
To Sarah Manning, for keeping two Children of Sackville Mahone dec'd. 400
To Eliz'. Lively 400
To M'. William Smith Collector, his Acco'. 568
To 3000½ Tob. in Maj'. William Armistead's hands, to pay Sundry Cash Acco's. 3000

30788

D'. C'. By Depositum in the Collector's hands last year, not taken from his Acco'. 277½

30510½

D'. D'. To 6 £ C'. for Collecting 30510½½ Tob. 1830

32340½

D'. Cred'. By 1042 Tithes @ 31 £ poll 32302

Due to the Collector 38½

Blisland
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Blisland Parish  To Sundry Cash Acco". Deb'
1767. Octo'. 1st.

£ S. d.

To John Piggett, for keeping William Garland, Orphan of Will". Garland dece'd. — 12 6

To Rebecca Lilly, for keeping Lucy Tyree 5 —

To William Jones, for keeping a Child of Susannah Sanders from Feb'. 1st. last @ £5. 3 Ann 3 8

To William Manning, for keeping a Child of Priscilla

Days 4 —

To M'. James Hockaday, for 6 Bushels of Corn for Patience Linsey — 15 —

To D". for paid M". Pasteur, for making a Surplice, & finding thr". & butt". 1 7 —

To Marg". Haselwood, for a Bar'. of Corn for Patience Linsey — 12 6

To Maj". John Prentis, for 12 Yards of hol". @ 7 6 for a Surplice 4 10 —

To M". John Lewis, his Acco'. 4 8 10

To Cap". Richmond Allen Churchwarden, his Acco' 4 12 3

To Doct". William Harvey, of his Acco' of £4 15 2 10 —

To William Jones, for keeping Susannah Sanders' Child the Year 1765 5 —

To Col. William Daingerfield's Acco'. 1 10 3

To Rebecca Lilly, her Acco'. for Sund'. for Lucy Tyree two Years 2 9 2

To William Jones, his Acco'. for Sund'. for d". the Year 1763 Omitted 1 6 —

To John Ball, for making a Coffin for Jemima Curles Child — 7 6

42 9 8

M'. James Hockaday, & Cap". Richmond Allen, are Continued Ch. Wardens.
Mr. William Smith D. Sheriff is appointed Collector the ensuing Year, on giving Bond and Security as Usual.

Order'd that the Church Wardens Endeavour to purchase that part of land of David Chandler, which lies between the Glebe and the Swamp, to be Annexed to the Glebe.

James Hockaday, Ch. Wardens
Richard Allen

Test Dudley Williams, Clark O' the Vestry

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At a Vestry held for Blisland Parish, at the upper Church, the 10th. day of October 1768.

Present

The Rev. Mr. Price Davies Min'.  Mr. Richard Allen,
M'. James Hockaday Ch.  Mr. John Shermer,
Cap'. Richmond Allen Ward'.  Col. Burwel Bajsett,
M'. Richmond Terrel,  Maj'. William Armistead, &
Maj'. Thruston James,  Cap'. Richardson Henley

This Vestry proceeds to lay the Parish Levy.

Blisland Parish

To the Rev. Mr. Price Davies Min'. his Salary 16000th, 1b Tob'. & 4 2/3 C'. on d'. for Cask, & 4 2/3 C'. for Shrinkage 1280 17280

To Dudley Williams, Clark of the upper Church & Vestry 1500th, & 4 2/3 C'. for Cask 60 1560

To Cap'. Richardson Henley, Clark of the lower Church 1000th, & 4 2/3 C'. for Cask 40 1040

To John Yates, Sexton at the upper Church 500 & Cask 20, & for washing the Surplice 100 620

To John Piggott, Sexton at the lower Church 500 & Cask 20, & for washing the Surplice 100 620

To Cap'. Richmond Allen, for four Communions, for the upper Church 500
To Mr. James Hockaday, for four Communions, for the lower Church 500
To Mr. Ben. Waller, for a Copy of the List of Tithes 18
To Maj'. William Clayton, for two Copies of the List of Tithes 36
To Mary Farthing, for the Support of her Son Edward 400
To James Valentine, for keeping his Mother from Dec'. 22d last till laying the Levy at 1000 800 Ann
To Ann Taylor, for the Support of her Son John Taylor 500
To Tho'. Smith, for keeping Sarah Valentine 26 days from laying the levy last year 74
To Moses Swiney, for keeping Jam'. Garland, Orphan of William Garland dec'd. and John Goodin, Orphan of Jam'. Goodin dec'd. 1000
To John Wall, for keeping Richard Jeffers, Orphan of John Jeffers dec'd, from Octo'. 1st. till March 1st. @ 550 229 Ann
To Daniel Slater, for keeping Richard Jeffers, Orphan of John Jeffers dec'd, from March 1st., till Oct'. 10th. at 550 325 Ann
To Sarah Manning, for keeping two Children of Sackv'. M'hone dec'd 400
To Elizabeth Lively 400
To Sarah Ramsey, for keeping Matthew Curle, from Octo'. 1st. 1767 till Mar. 4th. 1768 150
To John Manning, for keeping a Child of Susanna Sanders's 18 Months, & funeral Charges 500
To M'. William Smith Collector, his Accot 554½
To 6000lb, in Maj'. William Armistead's hands, to pay Sundry Cash Accot 6000

Debt Carried forward 33506½
Blisland Parish

1768. Octo'. 10th,
To Debt bro'. forward
To 6 q. C'. for Collecting 33506½ lb Tob.

Deb'.

33506½
35516½
35772

Blisland Parish
By 1084 Tithes at 33½ lb Tob. ¾ poll

Blisland Parish, To Sundry Cash Acco'.

Viz'.
To M'. John Lewis & C'. Acco'
To William Jones, for keeping Lucy Tyree, & a Child of Susan'. Sand'
To M'. James Hockaday, for two Bar'. Corn for Patience Linsey
To Cap'. Richmond Allen, his Acco'. Including Doct'. William Harvey's Acc'. of 35/
To David Chandler, his Acco'. for Rent of his house, & going to Mill for Tho'. M'gary
To M'. John Ball, for a Coffin, for Tho'. M'gary's Child
To the Rev. M'. Price Davies, for a Tract of Land bo'. of David Chandler, Annexed to the Glebe

Blisland Parish

By M'. James Hockaday, a Fine Rec'. of Sarah Manning

Bal'. of Cash Acco'. due from the Parish

£40|| 3|| 1
This day M't. Richmond Terrel resign'd the Office of a Vestryman of this Parish.

M't. Bartholomew Dandridge, is this day Chosen a Vestryman, in the room of M't. Richmond Terrel.

Maj't. William Armistead, & Cap'. Richardson Henley, are Chosen Church Wardens in the Stead of M't. James Hockaday, & Cap'. Richmond Allen, & Accordingly Sworn.

Bartlet Williams D. Sheriff is appointed Collector of the Parish Levy the Ensuing Year, on giving Bond & Security as Usual.

Eight of the Processioners returns were this day Examin'd by the Vestry, & Ordered to be Recorded.

Sign'd by
Price Davies Rector,
William Armistead,
Richardson Henley,
Church Wardens

Test
Dudley Williams, Clark O' the Vestry

[125]
At a Vestry held for Blisland Parish, at the lower Church, the 23d. day of October 1769.

Present
Maj't. William Armistead, Ch. M't. John Shermer,
Cap'. Richardson Henley, wardens Cap'. William Richardson
Maj't. Thruston James,
Col. Burwell Bajsett.

This Vestry proceeds to lay the Parish Levy.

Blisland Parish

To the Rev. M't. Price Davies Min't. his Salary 16000 lb Tob. & 4 C. on d. for Cask 640 lb, and
4 C. on d. for Shrinkage 640 lb

Deb'. 17280
To Dudley Williams, Clark of the upper Church & Vestry 1500lb, & 4 1/2 C. on d°. for Cask 60lb 1560
To Cap' Richardson Henley, Clark of the lower Church, 1000 & 4 1/2 C. on d°. for Cask 40 1040
To John Yates, Sexton at the upper Church 500lb & Cask 20lb, & for washing the Surplice 100lb 620
To John Piggot, Sexton at the lower Church 500 & Cask, 20, & for washing the Surplice 100lb 620
To Maj'. William Armistead, Ch. warden, for four Commun*. for the upper Church 500
To Cap' Richardson Henley, Ch. warden, for four Commun*. for the lower Church 500
To M'. Ben. Waller, for a Copy of the List of Tithes 18
To Maj'. William Clayton, for two Copies of the List of Tithes 36
To Maj'. William Armistead, for the Support of Sarah Valentine 1000
To M'. William Smith, late Collector, his Acco'. Short Cast last year 100 100
To Moses Swiney, for keeping James Garland, Orphan of William Garland dec'd, and John Goodin, Orphan of James Goodin dec'd. 700
To Daniel Slater, for keeping Richard Jeffers, Orphan of John Jeffers dec'd. 500
To Martha Bush, for keeping Thomas Linsey 500

C'.
By Bartlet Williams Collector 24974
523 1/2

D'.
To 6 1/2 Cent. for Collecting 24450lb Toe 24450 1/2
1467
25917
C'.
By 1132 Tithes @ 23" Tob°. 26036lb Tob°.
Deposited in the Collector's hands 119

Blisland Parish  To Sundry Cash Acco°
To Ann Taylor, for the Support of her Son John Taylor £ 4|| 3|| 4
To Pearson Piggot, for finding Plank & Making a Coffin for Thomas M'gary —||15||—
To Stephen Jones, in part of his Acco°. of £2||7||6 for moving Tho°. M'gary &c. 1||—||—
To M'. John Lewis, his Acco° —||14||—
To Cap°. William Richardson, his Acco°. for Corn, for Mary Banks, & Tho°. M'gary 2|| 5||10
To William Jones, for keeping Lucy Tyree £5. and for keeping Susan°. Sanders's Child £5. 10||—||—
To M'. John Shermer, for his Acco°. for 68½" Bacon @ 6° 1||14|| 3
To Eliz°. Harman, for keeping Mary M'Cormick, from March 5°, till Octo°. 23° 3||10||—
To John Manning, his Acco°. for 156° beef, for John Harris & Eliz°. Cumbo 1|| 7||—
To Eliz°. Deaton, for keeping Priscilla Day's Child 3|| 5||—
To Cap°. Richardson Henley, to pay George Flack for teaching Mary Banks's Children, when the year is Expired 1||—||—
Carried Over £29||14|| 5

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1769 October 23° Blisland Parish Deb°.
To the amount of the Cash Acco°. bro°. Over £29||14|| 5
To 6 ° Cent for Collecting £29||14||5 1||15|| 7

31||10||—
D°. C°. By 1132 Tithes @ 6½' Tithe £31||16||9
Deposited in the Collector’s hands 6|| 9

£31||16|| 9

Maj°. William Armistead, and Cap°. Richardson Henley, are
Continued Church Wardens.

Richard Linsey is Chosen Sexton of the lower Church, in
the Stead of John Piggott, who resign’d.

Maj°. William Armistead this day made return of his transac-
tions as Treasurer of the Parish, from the Year 1760 to this
day; and the Bal°. due to the Parish is £9||6

Bartlet Williams D. Sheriff is appointed Collector the En-
suing Year, on giving Bond and Security.

Sign’d by

William Armistead
Richardson Henley

Test
Dudley Williams, Clark O’ the Vestry.

[127]

At a Vestry held for Blisland Parish, at the upper Church,
the 23°. day of October 1770

Present
The Rev. M°. Price Davies Min°.
Maj°. William Armistead
Cap°. Richardson Henley

Col. Burwel Bajsett, Cap°. William Richardson,
M°. Richard Allen, M°. James Hockaday,
M°. John Shermer, and
M°. Bartholomew Dandridge.

This Vestry proceeds to lay the Parish Levy.

Blisland Parish

To the Rev. M°. Price Davies Min°. his Salary 16000°
Tob°., To 4 17280
C°. on d°. for Cask 640° and 4 17280
C°. on d°. for Shrinkage 640
NEW KENT COUNTY, VIRGINIA, 1721-1786

To 6 3/4 Cent. for Collecting 17280 lb Tob.  1036

Deposited in the Collector's hands, to be accounted for next year  98

18316

18414

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<td>To Jeremiah Martin, for keeping James Garland, &amp; Richard Jeffers</td>
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<td>To Cap'. William Richardson, for 5 Bar. Corn at 15/ for Mary Banks</td>
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To Sarah Laffoon, for keeping Mary M'Cormick 5||—||—
To Jeremiah Martin his Acco'. for Sund*. for Mary Banks —|| 8||—
To William Jones, for keeping Lucy Tyree 5||—||—
To Martha Bush, for keeping Tho*. Linsey 5||—||—
To Moses Sweny, for keeping John Goodin, & Susanna Sanders's Child 5||—||—
To Cap'. Richardson Henley, for 30th bacon at 7d. for Keziah Allen, & Eliz*. Cumbo —||17|| 6
To Charles Hankin, for 10 Bar*. Corn at 12/6. for Eliz*. Lively 6|| 5||—
To the Church Wardens, to Settle and to pay Doct'. William Pasteur's Acco'. for Thomas M'gary and Keziah Allen 12||12|| 6

Debt Carried Over £104||15|| 4

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1770 October 23rd. Blisland Parish Deb'.
To debt bro'. Over from the Other Side £104||15|| 4
To Ann Taylor, for the Support of her Son John Taylor 4|| 3|| 4
To Mary Jones, for keeping Keziah Allen} 19 days in her sickness at 20/ 9 month} —||13|| 7
To John Thomas Constable one Levy paid} William Smith wrong listed in 1767 31th,} —|| 5|| 2
To Bartlet Williams Collector, bal*. of his Acco'. 7|| 5||10½
To the Church Wardens, for repairs to be made on the Glebe 10||—||—

127|| 3|| 3½
To 6 9 Cent. for Collecting £127||3||3½ 7||12|| 7
134||15||10½
Deposited in the Collector's hands 1 \| 134

\[ £134\| 17|| — \]

Blisland Parish Cred'.
By 1116 Tithes at 2s. 5d. \& Poll £134\| 17|| —

Col. Burwel Bassett, and Maj'. William Armistead, are appointed to meet and proportion the Parish Levy according to the List of Tithes.

M'. John Townes is Chosen a Vestryman in the Stead of Col. William Daingerfield, who is removed out of the Parish.

M'. Barth'. Dandridge, & M'. John Townes are Chosen Church-Wardens for the Ensuing year, and M'. Barth'. Dandridge Sworn accordingly.

At the request of Maj'. William Armistead, it is agreed he shall Settle the bal. of his Acco. with the Church Wardens, and pay them the bal. if any remaining in his hands.

Bartlet Williams D. Sheriff is appointed Collector of the Parish levies the Ensuing Year, on giving Bond & Security.

Signed by

Price Davies Rector
B. Dandridge Ch. Warden
Test Dud. Williams Clark O' the Vestry.

Pursuant to an Order of Vestry dated October 23\(^{a}\) 1770, We the Subscribers have met and Proportion'd the Parish Levy, and find it to be Sixteen & a half pounds of Tob. \& poll, and two Shillings & five pence Cash \& Poll, leaving a depositum of Ninety Eight pounds of Tob. and one Shilling and one penny three farthings Cash. Witnjes Our hands this 27\(^{n}\) of Feb. 1771.

Burwel Bassett.
William Armistead.
Test Dud. Williams, Clark O' the Vestry.
At a Vestry held for Blisland Parish, at the lower Church, the 29th. day of October 1771.

Present

M'. Bartholomew Dandridge, Church Warden.
Maj'. Thruston James.           Cap'. William Richardson,
M'. John Shermer,               Cap'. Edward Power,
M'. Richard Allen,              Cap'. Richmond Allen, and
                      Cap'. Richardson Henley

This Vestry proceeds to lay the Parish Levy, and to Appoint Processioners.

Blisland Parish

To the Rev. M'. Price Davies, Rector, his Salary

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16000 \text{ lb Tob}^\circ. \text{ To } 4 \frac{3}{4} \text{ Cent on } 16000 \text{ lb Tob}^\circ. \text{ for } \]

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1\text{ lb Tob}^\circ. \text{ Cask } 640 \text{ lb } & 4 \frac{3}{4} \text{ Cent on } d^\circ. \text{ for Shrinkage } 640 \text{ lb} 
\]

To Bartlet Williams Collector, his Acco'. for Insolvents 247½

\[17280\]

C'. By bal'. deposited in the Collector's hands last year 98

\[17527\frac{1}{2}\]

D'. To 6 \frac{3}{4} Cent for Collecting 17429\frac{1}{2} \text{ lb Tob}^\circ. 1045½

\[17429\frac{1}{2}\]

Whole Tob^\circ. debt 18475

C'. By 1150 Tithes at 16\text{ lb Tob}^\circ. \frac{3}{4} \text{ Poll} 18400

\[18475\]

Due from the Parish to the Collector 75

Blisland Parish

To Dudley Williams Clark of the upper Church & Vestry £ 15||—||—

To Cap'. Richardson Henley, Clark of the lower Church 10||—||—
To Richard Linsey, Sexton at the lower Church 5||——
To John Yates, Sexton at the upper Church 5||——
To M'. John Townes, Ch. Warden, for four
Communions for the Upper Church, and
four d°. for the lower Church 10||——
To M'. Ben. Waller, for a Copy of the List of
Tithes —|| 3||
To Col. William Clayton, for a Copy of the List
of Tithes —|| 6||
To Jeremiah Martin, for keeping Thomas Linsey 7||——
To d°. for keeping James Garland 3||——
To William Jones, for keeping Lucy Tyree 5||——
To Moses Sweny, for keeping Richmond Jeffers
£2 and for keeping Susannah Sanders's
Child £5 7||——
To Thomas Smith, for keeping John Goodin 1||15||

Debt Carried Over October 29th, 1771 £ 69|| 4||

[130]
1771 October the 29th. Blisland Parish Deb'
To debt bro' Over from the Other Side £ 69|| 4||
To M'. John Lewis, for Clothing for John Good-
in —||15||
To Mary Jones, for keeping Sarah Valentine 8||——
To David Williams, for three barrels of Corn,
for John Taylor and two barrels of Corn,
for Patience Linsey at 12/6 3|| 2|| 6
To M'. John Shermer, for Six and a half
barrels of Corn, for Stephen Jones, and
Rebekah Williams, at 12/6 4|| 1|| 3
To Peter Rue, for four & a half barrels of
Corn at 15/ 79 barrel for Stephen Jones 3|| 7|| 6
To M' Richard Allen, for two barrels of Corn,
for Jemima Curle 1|| 5||
To Mr. John Timberlake, his Acco. for Pork & Corn, for d°. 3|| 7|| 9
To Mr. Ben. Moore; for 4 Gall. Molas[es at 2/6 for Patience Linsey, and 2 lb Sugar at 8°. for Stephen Jones ] —|| 11|| 4
To William Jennings, for keeping Eliz°. Wiliamson's Child from Feb°. 23°. last, at £5 6° Annum 3|| 6|| 8
To Prudence Odal, for keeping Mary M'Cormick 5|| —|| —
To Mr. Bartholomew Dandridge, for Corn & Other things for Mildred Jennings's Children & Eliz°. Cumbo, the Acco. to be Set-tled at next Vestry 5|| —|| —
To Bartlet Williams Collector, his Cash Acco. for Insolvents 1||16|| 3

£108||17|| 3
To 6 6° Cent for Collecting £108||17||3 6||10|| 7½

The whole Cash debt £115|| 7||10½
Blisland Parish Cred°.
By 1150 Tithes, at 2/ 115|| —|| —
Due to the Collector —|| 7||10½

£115|| 7||10½

Mr. Bartholomew Dandridge, & Mr. John Townes, are Con-tinued Church Wardens the Ensuing year.
Mr. Bartholomew Dandridge, & Mr. John Townes, Church-wardens, are Chosen Collectors of the Parish Levies, on giving Bond & Security as Usual.
Sign'd by
B Dandridge Church Warden
Test
Dudley Williams, Clark o' the Vestry
At a Vestry held for Blisland Parish, at the upper Church, the 19th day of October 1772.

Present
The Rev. M'. Price Davies Min'.
M'. Bartholomew Dandridge Churchwardens.
M'. John Townes
Col. Burwell Bajsett, M'. John Shermer,
Maj'. Thruston James, Cap'. William Richardson,
Maj'. William Armistead, Cap'. Richmond Allen,
M'. Richard Allen, M'. James Hockaday, and
Cap'. Richardson Henley.

This Vestry proceeds to lay the Parish Levy, and receive the P roc e s s i o n e r s returns.

Blisland Parish

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<td>To the Rev. M'. Price Davies Min'. his Salary 16000 lb Tob°.</td>
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<td>Tob°. To 4 4/4 C'. on 16000 lb Tob°. for Cask</td>
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<td>640 lb, &amp; 4 4/4 C'. on d°. for Shrinkage 640 lb</td>
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<td>To Bartlet Williams Collector, Due to him last year</td>
<td>75</td>
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<td>To d° bal°. of his Acco°. of Tob°.</td>
<td>192</td>
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17547

C'. By Bartlet Williams Collector 1 Levy rec°. of John Churn for 1770  

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<td>By S'. Peter's Parish, for Lawrence Egmon's Levies</td>
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341 1/2

17205 1/2

D'. To 6 4/4 Cent. for Collecting 17205 1/2 lb Tob°.             | 1032    |

18237 1/2

Deposited in the Collector's hands                                | 50 1/2  |

18288

C'. By 1143 Tithes, at 16° Tob°. 4/4 Poll                         | 18288   |
1772 October 19th. Blisland Parish Deb'.
To Dudley Williams, Clark of the Upper Church & Vestry £ 15||—||—
To Cap'. Richardson Henley, Clark of the lower Church 10||—||—
To John Yates, Sexton at the upper Church 5||—||—
To Richard Linsey, Sexton at the lower Church 5||—||—
To M'. John Townes Churchwarden, for four Communions for the Upper Church £5.
And for four d°, for the lower Church £5. 10||—||—
To M'. Ben. Waller, for a Copy of the List of Tithes —|| 2|| 3
To Col. William Clayton, for two Copies of the List of Tithes —|| 4|| 6
To Jeremiah Martin, for keeping Tho'. Linsey 8||—||—
To Eliz°. Sanders, for keeping Susannah Sanders' Child 5||—||—
To M'. Richard Allen Jun'. for Clothes for John Goodin 4||—|| 2½
To Elisha Bennett, for 77th. beef, for Jemima Curle —||12||10
To Cornelius Jones, for half a bar'. of Corn, for Stephen Jones —|| 6|| 8

Debt Carried forward £ 63|| 6|| 5½

[132]
1772 Octo'. 19th. Blisland Parish Deb'.
To debt bro'. forward £ 63|| 6|| 5½
To M'. John Slater's Acco'. for 2½ bar°. Corn
for Jemima Curle, and 3 Bar°. d°. for
Ann Taylor @ 15/

To M'. John Townes, for paid M'. James Under
wood, for 17th. wind°. lead @ 6a —|| 8|| 6
To Sarah Ramsey, of her Acco. of £20319 for
keeping & burying Lucy Tyree
To M'. Tho'. Cowles, his Acco. for horseblocks & benches, at the lower Church
To M'. William Tyree, his Acco. for d°. & d°. at the upper Church
To Cap'. William Richardson, for a bar. of meal for Marg'. Haslewood
To Isaac Fox's Acco. for his Sister Sarah, her board 9 weeks in her Sickn°, Coffin, and funeral Charges
To Tho'. Rawson, for Accomodating the Glazier 7 days, when glazing the Church windows
To John Bradenham, for a bar. Corn, for Patience Linsey
To Benj'. Moore's Acco. for Molasses &c.
To M'. John Townes, for 2 bar. Corn for Jemima Curle
To Doct'. Andrew Anderson's Acco. for Salley Fox
To M'. John Townes, for a Napkin
To Joel Willis, for 17 Yards of Virginia Cloth, for Mary M'Comick @ 2/
To M'. John Townes, his Acco. for work on the upper Church & Glebe, and for materials
To M'. John Lewis Merch. the bal. of his Acco. from 1765 till this time
To M'. David Lewis & C°. Acco. for 6 Ells Ozn°. and 1½ Yard of plains for Jemima Curle
To William Jennings, for keeping Eliz'. Williamson her child, a year
To M'. Barthol'. Dandridge Ch. warden, the bal. of his Acco.
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<td>To Turner Cumbo, for keeping Eliz*. Cumbo</td>
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<td>To M'. William Hankin, for 5 bar*. Corn for Stephen Jones, at 15/</td>
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<td>To M'. Daniel Taylor, for the Rent of his house, for Patience Linsey</td>
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<td>To M'. William Hankin, for 6 bar*. Corn, for Mary Banks @ 15/</td>
<td>4</td>
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<td>To 6 ½% Cent. for Collecting £131</td>
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<td>counted for at laying the next Parish Levy}</td>
<td>5</td>
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<td>Cred'. By 1143 Tithes at 2/6½</td>
<td>£145</td>
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[133] 1772 October 19th.

Burnal Russell is discharged from paying his Parish Levy for the future.

Order'd that the Clark of the Vestry Record the Returns of the Several Proces'sioners, in Order to have them examin'd.

Viz'. The Return of Stephen Willis and John Ames.
The Return of John Harman and Julius Vadin.
The Return of David Williams and William Tyree.
The Return of James Allen and John Richardson.
The Return of Walter Rawleigh and And". Banks.
The Return of Richard Gaddey and John Hankin.
The Return of William Hankin and Tho*. Hatton.
The Return of William Geddy and William Spraggins.
The Return of Philemon Woodward and Randolph Woodward.
Col. Burwell Basset, and Maj'. Thruston James, are Chosen Churchwardens for the ensuing year.

Maj'. Thruston James Churchwarden, and M'. William Armistead Jun'. are Chosen Collectors of the Parish Levies the ensuing year, on giving Bond and Security as Usual.

Sign'd by

P. Davies Rector
Bur'). Basset Churchwardens
Thruston James

Test

Dudley Williams, Clark O' the Vestry.

[134]
At a Vestry held for Blisland Parish at the lower Church, the 29th, day of November 1773.

Present

The Rev. M'. Price Davies, Rector,

Col. Burwell Basset, Church wardens.

Maj'. Thruston James,

Maj'. William Armistead, M'. James Hockaday,

Cap'. William Richardson, Cap'. Richmond Allen, and Cap'. Richardson Henley

This Vestry proceeds to lay the Parish Levy.

Blisland Parish Deb'.

To the Rev. M'. Price Davies Min' his Salary
16000lb Tob.

To 4 2/3 Cent. on d°. for Cask 640 and 4 2/3 Cent. for Shrinkage 640

To Dudley Williams, Clark of the upper Church and Vestry

To Cap'. Richardson Henley, Clark of the lower Church

17280lb Tob. at 12/6 £108||—||—

15||—||—

10||—||—
To John Yates, Sexton at the upper Church
To Richard Linsey, Sexton at the lower Church
To Col. Burwell Bajsett, Ch. warden, for four Communions, for the upper Church
To Maj'. Thruston James, Ch. warden, for four Communions for the lower Church
To Ben. Waller Esq', for a Copy of the List of Tithes
To Col. William Clayton, for a Copy of the List of Tithes
To M'. George Bridges, for keeping Tho'. Linsey
To the Churchwardens, for Susannah Sanders' Child
To Maj'. Thruston James Ch. warden, for Clothing for John Gooding, and Kirby Washer's Children, & M'. John Lewis's Acco'.
To M'. William Norvell, his Acco'. for 3 bar'. Corn for John Buffin in 1770, at 12/6, and 9 bar'. Corn this year for Stephen Jones, at 15/
To M'. William Brown, for 7 bar'. Corn, for Mary Banks at 15/
To M'. William Hankin, for 5 bar'. Corn, for Stephen Jones, at 13/3, Omitted last year
To Mary Banks, for keeping a Child of Marg't. Haslewood's 9½ Months
To Eliz'. Austin, for keeping two of Jejse Hall's Children from Feb'. 27th. last
To Maj'. Thruston James, to pay Eleanor Allen, for the Rent of a Plantation, for Stephen Jones
To M'. Reb'. Hockaday, for ½ bar'. Corn for Patience Linsey
NEW KENT COUNTY, VIRGINIA, 1721-1786

To M'. William Tyree, for keeping and maintaining Richard Curle, Orphan of Richard Curle dec'd. he is to keep him from being any Charge to the Parish for the future. 8||—||—

To Doctor Andrew Anderson’s Acco'. for Mary Yates, and Richmond Jeffers 1||14||—

To James Odal’s Acco'. for keeping Mary M’Comick about five weeks, and for her funeral charges 2||10||—

To John Ball Sen'. for a Coffin for Elisha Frazier —||15||—

To M'. Barth*'. Dandridge’s Acco'. 5|| 9|| 3

To Turner Cumbo, for keeping his Mother 3||10||—

To Benj*'. Wall, for keeping his brother John’s Son Tho*. from Jan*. 2*'. last 1||10||—

To William Jennings, for keeping Eliz*. Williamson’s Child from October 1772 and a Child of Mildred Jennings’s 7||10||—

Carried forward £233|| 2|| 9

[135]
1773 Nov*. 29*'. Blisland Parish Deb'.
To debt bro*. forward £233|| 2|| 9

To Eliz*. Deaton, bal*. of her prov’d Acco' for boarding and keeping James Day the year 1768 4||—||—

To Col. Burwell Bajsett Church warden, his Acco'. 4||14|| 3½

To William Jones, for a Coffin, for Lucy Tyree —||15||—

To Rachel Wall, for 9 yards of Virginia Cloth & p*'. of Shoes and Stockings, for a Child of John Wall dec'. 1|| 1|| 9

To M'. David Lewis and C°. Acco'. 4||14|| 5½
To David Williams’s Acco. of £7||17||6 for work done on the Glebe

To Bartlet Williams, balr. of his Acco. for Insolv. last year

To M’r. W. Smith’s Acco. ag. Benj. Haslwood dec’d. for the years 1764, 1765, 1766, 1767 and 1768 . . . 769 Tob. at 2d

To M’r. John Brown, Collector for Maj’. Thruston James. balr. of his Tob. Acco. for Insolv 38½d Tob.

To M’. Benj’. Moore, for 2 Gallr. Mola’ses, for Stephen Jones

To Col. Burwell Basset Ch. warden, to pay for repairs done on the Glebe

To the Church wardens, towards an Addition to the lower Church

To the Church wardens, towards Erecting a workhouse

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£372||18||2½

Cred’.

By M’r. John Brown, Collector for Maj’. Thruston James £2||4||8

By M’. William Armistead Collector 2||14||10 4||19||6

367||18||8½

Deb’.

To 6 39 Cent. for Collecting £367||18||8½ 22||1||6½

£390||—||2½

Cred’.

By 1133 Tithes at 6½d (or 68½ Tob. at the Option of the payer) 384||14||11½

Due to the Collector 5||5||3½
Or Blisland Parish Deb'.

To the above £384||14||11½ to purchase Tob°. at 10/ || 9 C'.

Deposited in the Collector's hands 94½

Cred'.

By 1133 Tithes at 68°. Tob°. (or 6°.||9½ø. Cash, at the Option of the payer) 77044

Col. Burwell Bajsett, and Maj'. Thruston James, are Continued Church wardens, for the ensuing year.

M'. William Armistead D Sheriff in New Kent, is appointed Collector of the Parish Levies the ensuing year, on giving Bond and Security as Usual.

Order'd that the Church wardens Advertise an Addition and repairs to the lower Church in this Parish.

Order'd that the Churchwardens Rent, or build a work-house, for the poor of this Parish, at the Expence thereof; and that they also purchase necejsaries for the poor.

M'. Armistead Rujsell, and M'. William Hankin, are Chosen Vestrymen, in the room of M'. Richard Allen dec", and M'. John Townes, who is removed out of the Parish.

Burnal Rujsell, is Chosen Sexton, at the lower Church, in the room of Richard Linsey, who resign'd that Office

Sign'd by P. Davies Rector
Bur'. Bajsett
Thruston James { Church wardens.

Test

Dudley Williams, Clark O' the Vestry.

[136]

At a Vestry held for Blisland Parish, at the upper Church, the 31°. day of October 1774
Present

The Rev. M'. Price Davies, Rector
Col. Burwell Bajsett,
Maj'. Thruston James,
Maj'. William Armistead
Cap'. Richmond Allen, and
Cap'. William Richardson
M'. William Hankin.
M'. James Hockaday

This Vestry proceeds to lay the Parish Levy
Blisland Parish

To the Rev. M'. Price Davies, Rector, his Salary
16000 lb Tob', To 4 ¾ Cent. on d° for Cask 640 lb.
and 4 ¾ Cent. on d°. for Shrinkage 640 lb. 17280
To 6 ¾ Cent. for Collecting 17280 lb Tob'. 1036

D°. Cred'. By 1071 Tithes at 17 lb Tob°. ¾ Poll 18207

Due to the Collector

1774 October 31st. Blisland Parish

To Dudley Williams, Clark of the upper
Church, and Vestry £ 15||—||—
To Cap'. Richardson Henley, Clark of the
lower Church 10||—||—
To John Yates, Sexton at the upper Church 5||—||—
To Burnal Rujsell, Sexton at the lower Church 5||—||—
To Col. Burwell Bajsett, Churchwarden, for
four Communions, for the upper Church 5||—||—
To Maj'. Thruston James, Churchwarden,
for four Communions, for the lower Church 5||—||—
To M'. Ben. Waller, for a Copy of the List of Tithes 20". Tob. at 1½ o
To Col. William Clayton, for two Copies of the List of Tithes 40". Tob. at 1½ o
To M'. George Bridges, for maintaining Thomas Linsey
To M'. William Brown, for 19½ Bushels of Corn for the Widow Banks, and 5 Bushels of Corn, for William Swiney at 12/6 7½ barrel
To M'. Benjamin Moor, for 2 Gallons of Molasses, for Stephen Jones
To the Churchwardens, for Susannah Sanders' Child
To Joel Willis and wife, for Carrying Eliz'. Pond's Child to Col. Robert Carter's, in Westmoreland County, and for their trouble with Mary Thomson, in her Sickneʃs
To Mildred Thomas, for the maintainance of Philemon Chandler's Son Philemon
To M'. William Hankin, for 3½ Bar' Corn for Kirby Washer, at 12/6, and 1 Bar' of Corn For William Banks at 11/
To the Churchwardens, for the maintainance of two of Jeʃse Hall's Children one year
To M'. Eleanor Allen, for the Rent of her Land to Stephen Jones
To M'. Daniel Slater, for a Bar' of Corn, for Patience Linsey
To William Jennings, for maintaining a Child of Eliz'. Williamson's, and a Child of Mildred Jennings's
To Rachel Wall, for maintaining a Child of John Wall dec'd 3\text{\textcurrency{10\text{\textpence}}}
To M'. David Lewis's Acco'. for Sundries 1\text{\textcurrency{\textpence}} 3\text{\textcurrency{1\text{\texthalf}}}
To Julius Allen, for a Barrel of Corn, for Stephen Jones in 1772 \text{\textcurrency{\textpence}} 15\text{\textcurrency{\textpence}}

Debt Carried forward \text{\textcurrency{92\text{\textpounds}} 9\text{\textpence} 7\text{\texthalf}}

[137]
1774 October 31st. Blisland Parish Deb'.
To Debt brought forward \text{\textcurrency{92\text{\textpounds}} 9\text{\textpence} 7\text{\texthalf}}
To M'. Charles Hankin, for a Barrel of Corn, for Rachel Wall \text{\textcurrency{\textpence} 12\text{\textpence} 6}
To M'. William Armistead Jun'. D. Sheriff, and Collector, the bal'. of his Acco'
and Collector, the bal'. of his Acco'
To Col. Burwell Bajsett, towards an addition to the lower Church \text{\textcurrency{\textpence} \text{\textpence} 94\text{\texthalf}}

\text{\textcurrency{195\text{\textpounds}} 10\text{\textpence} 10\text{\texthalf}}

To 6 \text{\textshilling} Cent. for Collecting \text{\textcurrency{\textpounds} 195\text{\textpounds} 10\text{\textpence} 10\text{\texthalf}} 11\text{\textpounds} 14\text{\textpence} 7\text{\texthalf}

\text{\textcurrency{207\text{\textpounds} 5\text{\textpence} 6\text{\texthalf}}}

Deposited in the Collector's hands \text{\textcurrency{\textpence} 4\text{\textpence} 7}

\text{\textcurrency{207\text{\textpounds} 10\text{\textpence} 1\text{\texthalf}}}

Blisland Parish Cred'.
By 1071 Tithes at 3\text{\textpence} 10\text{\texthalf} \text{\textshilling} \text{\textpoll} \text{\textcurrency{207\text{\textpounds} 10\text{\textpence} 1\text{\texthalf}}}

Cap'. William Richardson, and Cap'. Richmond Allen are chosen Churchwardens, for the ensuing year, in the room of Col. Burwell Bajsett, and Maj'. Thruston James, and Sworn accordingly.

Cap'. William Richardson Church warden, is Chosen Col-
lector of the Parish Levies the ensuing year, on giving Bond and Security as usual.

Sign'd by Pryse Davies Rector

Wm. Richardson
Richmond Allen

Churchwardens

Test

Dudley Williams, Clark o' the Vestry

[138]

At a Vestry held for Blisland Parish, at the lower Church the 30th. day of October 1775.

Present

The Rev. M'. Pryse Davies, Rector
Cap't. William Richardson, Cap't. Richmond Allen,
Maj'r. Thruston James, M'. Bartholomew Dandridge,
Col. Burwell Bajsett, and
Maj'r. William Armistead M'. William Hankin.
M'. James Hockaday,

This Vestry proceeds to lay the Parish Levy, and to appoint Processioners.

Blisland Parish Deb'.

To the Rev. M'. Pryse Davies Rector, his Salary
16000
To 4 ¼ Cent on d° for Cask 640
To 4 ¼ Cent on d° for Shrinkage 640
To 6 ¼ Cent on 17280 for Collecting 1036

18316

Blisland Parish Cred'.

By 1075 Tithes at 17½ Tob°. Poll 18275
Due to the Collector 41

18316
Blisland Parish

Deb'

To Dudley Williams, Clark of the upper Church, and Vestry £15||—||—

To Cap'. Richardson Henley, Clark of the lower Church 10||—||—

To John Yates, Sexton at the upper Church 5||—||—

To Burnal Rusсел's Estate, for Serving as Sexton at the lower Church 5||—||—

To Cap'. Richmond Allen, Ch. warden, for four Communions for each Church 10||—||—

To M'. Benjamin Waller, Clark of James City County Court, for a Copy of the List of Tithes —|| 2|| 6

To M'. George Bridges, for the maintainance of Thomas Linsey 8||—||—

To Elizabeth Sanders, for keeping and maintaining Susannah Sanders's child 3||—||—

To M'. John Hockaday, for a Coffin for, and burying Elizabeth Cumbo 1||—||—

To Burnal Rusсел's Estate, for the maintainance of two of Jefse Hall's children 8||—||—

To M'. John Allen, for the Rent of Land, to Stephen Jones 3||10||—

To Thomas Wilks for the maintainance of Thomas, and Joseph Smith, Orphans of Thomas Smith dec'd from the 4th. of April 5||—||—

To Amelia Thomas, for maintaining and Schooling Philemon Chandler, Son of Philemon Chandler 6||—||—

To John Valentine, for maintaining and Schooling William Smith, Son of Thomas Smith dec'd, from the 4th. of April at £6||5 ¶ Annum 3||10|| 7
To Prudence Odal, for the maintainance of Mary Thomson

To M'. M'. John Brown, Collector, his Cash Acco' for Insolvents return'd £3||16||9½

To d'. his Tob°. Acco' for Insolvents and 109th due at laying the Levy Last year
included, is 466th Tob°. at 20/

8||-9||11¾

£ 95||13||—¾

To 6 3/4 Cent. for Collecting £95||13||—¾

5||14|| 9¾

£101|| 7||10

Deposited in the Collector's hands 10|| 2¾

£101||18||—¾

Blisland Parish Cred'.

By 1075 Tithes at 1° 10¾4 3/4 Poll £101||18||—¾

M'. William Smith, is chosen a Vestryman, in the room of Cap'. Richardson Henley, who is removed out of the Parish; and M'. Silvanus Prince, is chosen a Vestryman, in the room of M'. John Shermer dec'd.

Cap'. William Richardson, and Cap'. Richmond Allen, are continued Churchwardens, for the ensuing year.

Dudley Williams is chosen Collector of the Parish Levies the ensuing year, on giving Bond and Security, as usual.

Signed by

Pryse Davies, Rector
William Richardson
Richmond Allen

Church wardens.

Test

Dudley Williams, Clark o' the Vestry.
At a Vestry held for Blisland Parish at the lower Church the 29th. day of July 1776.


This Vestry proceeds to examine the Addition to the lower Church in this Parish, built by M'. Daniel Lyon, which he agreed with this Vestry to do, and for the performance of which entered into Articles of agreement with Col. Burwell Bajsett, and Major Thruston James, the then Church wardens of this Parish the day of 1774. The said Vestry agrees with M'. William Mojs, Executor of the abovesaid Daniel Lyon deceas'd to receive the said Addition; and the said William Mojs agrees to and with the said Vestry, to repaint the inside of the Windowsashes, the Door, and Eaves of the said Addition, and to reshingle the the valleys of the Roof if necefsary. And the said Vestry agrees that Col. Burwell Bajsett pay the said William Mojs the balance due to the said Daniel Lyon's Estate, for the said Addition.

Signed by Pryse Davies Rector
William Richardson  
Richmond Allen  
Church wardens

Test
Dudley Williams Clark of the Vestry.

At a Vestry held for Blisland Parish at the upper Church the 28th. day of April 1777.
Present

The Rev. M'. Pryse Davies, Rector,  
Capt. Richmond Allen, Church warden.  
Maj'. Thruston James,  Capt. Edward Power,  
Col. Burwell Bajsett,  M'. William Hankin  
Capt. James Hockaday,  Capt. Silvanus Prince, and  
M'. Armistead Rujsell

The Vestry proceeds to lay the Parish Levy.  
Blisland Parish

To the Rev. M'. Pryse Davies,  
Rector, his Salary 16000

Tob'. for the year 1776

To 4 1/2 Cent. on 16000 Tob'. for
Cask 00640

To 4 1/2 Cent. on d°. for Shrinkage 00640

To his Salary from Octo'. 15th. till
Dec'. 31st. at 17280 Tob'. Ann 03645

20925 Tob'.

at 20/ 100

£209|| 5||—

To Dudley Williams, Clark of the upper
Church and Vestry, till the last day of
December 1776 at £15 Annum 17||10||—

To Capt Richardson Henley, Clark of the
lower Church till the last day of December 1776 at £10 Annum 11||13|| 4

To John Yates, Sexton at the upper Church 5||—||—

To Rebecca Rujsell, Sextonejs at the lower Church

To d° for maintaining two of Jesse
Hall's Children 8||—||—

To Capt. William Richardson, for 7 Comm-
unions, for the two Churches 8||15||—
To M'. Benjamin Waller, for a Copy of the List of Tithes —|| 2|| 6
To Capt. Richmond Allen, for 4 Communions for the two Churches, since last October 5||—||—
To M'. John Allen, for the Rent of his Plantation to Stephen Jones 3||10||—
To M'. George Bridges, for maintaining Thomas Linsey 8||—||—

Debt carried forward £281||15||10

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Blisland Parish Deb'.
1777 April 28th.
To Debt bro'. forward from the other side £281||15||10
To Elizabeth Feare, for maintaining Dorril Feare, Orphan of Hamner Feare, dec'd 4||—||—
To Capt. Richmond Allen, for M'. Mary Hogg's maintaining a Child of Thomas Smith dec'd. till this time at £5 10||—||—
Annum
To Thomas Wilks, for maintaining two of Tho'. Smith's Children till Octo'. last 10||—||—
To Prudence Odell, for maintaining Mary Thomson from October 1775 till this time at £4 6||—||—
Annum
To M'. William Tyree, for a Coffin for Isaac Fox, and a d'. for his Daughter 1||10||—
To Turner Cumbo, for maintaining two of George Jennings's Children a year, at £5 each 10||—||—
To the Estate of M'. Danel Lyon, dec'd. for making a Sashwindow for the upper Church 1||10||—
To the Estate of Mr. Daniel Lyon dec'd, for a mistake in his calculation when he undertook the Addition to the lower Church in 1774

To Mr. John Lewis's Acco's for Sundries in 1773 and 1774

To Elizabeth Sanders, for maintaining Laney Jones Sanders, Child of Susannah Sanders dec'd. 8 Months, and for his Funeral charges

To Maj. Thruston James, for 2 Bar'l. Corn, for Kirby Washer

To Mr. John Brown, for half a Bar'l. Corn, for William Sweeny in 1774

To £11 of Thomas Rawson's Acco's of £15, for boarding Richmond Jeffers, making his Clothes, and funeral charges

To John Manning, for maintaining George Jennings's daughter Priscilla till this time

Cred'. By bal'. due from Dudley Williams Collector £8 Acco's

Deb'. To 6 6/6 Cent. for collecting £379 2 4 1/2

Deposited in the Collector's hands

Cred'. By 1098 Tithes at 7 4 6 Poll

Mr. John Timberlake is chosen a Vestryman, in the room of Mr. William Smith, who is removed out of the Parish.
Capt. James Hockaday, and M'. William Hankin are chosen Church wardens in the room of Capt. William Richardson, and Capt. Richmond Allen, and accordingly sworn. Dudley Williams is chosen Collector of the Parish Levies, on giving Bond and Security.

Sign'd by P. Davies, Rector

Jam'. Hockaday
Wm. Hankin

Church wardens.

Dudley Williams, Clark of the Vestry

[141]

At a Vestry held for Blisland Parish at the upper Church the 23d. day of Feb'. 1779.


N. B. The above Vestry was chosen by the freeholders of Blisland Parish, pursuant to an Act of Assembly, which dissolved the late Vestry of this Parish, agreeable to a petition from the inhabitants of the Parish: in which Election Col. Burwell Bajsett, Capt. Silvanus Prince, and M'. William Allen, were chosen Vestrymen also with the nine abovementioned, but did not attend Vestry this day.

This Vestry proceeds to lay the Parish Levy for the years 1777 and 1778.

Blisland Parish

To Doct'. Elisha Hall, of his Acco'. of £30||17 for visits and medicines for Thomas Smith, Orphan of Thomas Smith dec'd. from Dec'. 1777 £ 20||17||——

To D'. 5 9 Cent. on £20||17 two years 2|| 1|| 8
To M. William Tyree, for a Coffin for the abovesaid Orphan Thomas Smith 1

To Capt. James Hockaday, for 2½ Barrels of Corn, for Widow Merriman 30/

To John Valentine for maintaining and schooling William Smith, Orphan of Thomas Smith dec'd

To Mary Green, for maintaining Elizabeth Hall and her child a year to Oct. 12th. 1778 50

To Thomas Wilks, for maintaining Thomas Smith, Orphan of Thomas Smith dec'd, from Octo'. 1776 till May 1778, including funeral charges 35

To D°. for maintaining Joseph Smith, Orphan of Thomas Smith dec'd, from Octo'. 1776 till this 23d. of February 1778 25

To M°. George Bridges, for maintaining Thomas Linsey a year to Octo'. 1777 8

To M°. William Fisher, for maintaining Thomas Linsey a year to Octo'. 1778 10

To John Allen, for rent to Stephen Jones 1777 £3 10

To D°. for rent to 1778 £4

and half a Barrel of Corn to d°. 10/

To Jeremiah Wade, for rent to Widow Merriman 1777 £2. for d°. to d°. 1778 £3 5

To Prudence Odell, for maintaining Mary Thomson, from April 28th. 1777 till this time 30

To the hon Barth°. Dandridge, for 100°. Bacon for widow Merriman 12 10

To John Brooker, for maintaining Elizabeth Hall and her child two months 16 12 8
To M'. John Timberlake, for maintaining
   Isaac Fox, Orphan of Isaac Fox dec'd.  
   from April 1st 1777 till Feb'. 6th 1778  
   6

To M'. John Cowles, for maintaining William Smith, Orphan of Thomas Smith dec'd. from April 1777 till January 24th 1778  
   3

Carried forward  
   £240||11||4

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1779 Feb'. 23rd  
Blisland Parish  
Deb'

To debt brought forward  
   £240||11||4

To Lucy Yates, for maintaining Francis Oakley  
   14 Months  
   12

To John Manning, for maintaining Priscilla,  
   Orphan of George Jennings dec'd. from April 1777 till this time  
   15

To John Manning, for maintaining Thomas Merriman, Orphan of James Merriman dec'd. from Octo'. last till this time  
   5

To Rebecca Rufsell’s Estate, for maintaining two of Jesse Hall’s Children from Octo’. 1776 till Dec’. 1778  
   25

To Turner Cumbo, for maintaining one of George Jennings’s Children the year 1777  
   5

To the Churchwardens, to pay M’. William Norvell his Acco'. of £18. and Cole Ashlock his Acco'. of £25, both for Philley Jones and her three Children,  
   if the said Wardens do find that the said Philley Jones belongs to this Parish, and the Acco”. are just  
   43
To the Churchwardens, for the use of the Parish, if found necessary 150||—||—
To Dudley Williams, Clark of the Vestry 20||—||—

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<td>Cred'. By 1046 Tithes at 10/6</td>
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Ordered that the Churchwardens meet and proportion the Parish Levy as soon as they conveniently can.

Messrs. John Timberlake, and John Lewis are chosen Churchwardens the present year.

Dudley Williams is chosen Collector of the Parish Levies, on giving Bond and Security as usual.

Signed by P. Davies, Rector

John Timberlake
John Lewis

Church wardens.

Pursuant to an Order of Vestry dated the 23rd. day of February 1779, we the subscribers have proportioned the Parish Levy, and find it to be ten shillings and six pence ³/₅ Tithe, and a depositum of £3||18||8 deposited in the
Collector's hands, to be accounted for at the laying the next parish Levy.

March 18th. 1779 Signed by
John Timberlake.
John Lewis.

Test,
Dudley Williams, Clark o' the Vestry.

[143]
At a Vestry held for Blisland Parish at the lower Church the 8th. day of November 1779

This Vestry proceeds to lay the Parish Levy
Blisland Parish

To William Tyree, for maintaining James Merriman 4 Months at £40 £ 13|| 6|| 8
To Edmund Taylor, for maintaining Isaac Fox, a year to February 6th. 1779 8||—||—
To Ditto for Ditto Ditto from Feb'. 6th. till Nov'. 8th. 1779 22||10||—
To William Fisher, for maintaining Thomas Linsey from Octo'. 8th. 1778 till this 8th. of November 1779. at £40 £ 43|| 6|| 8
To John Ames, for maintaining Elizabeth Hall from the 23d. of Feb'. last till this 8th. of Nov'. at £100 £ 70||13||8 deduct for half a barrel of Corn of the Ch. ward'. 7||10 63|| 3|| 8
To Prudence Odell, for maintaining Mary Thomson from Feb'. 23d. till this time 85||—||—
To John Manning, for maintaining a Child of George Jennings dec'd, and a Child of James Merriman dec'd, from Feb'y. 23d last till this time 701318

To Jeremiah Martin, for maintaining Dorril Feare 16 months in the years 1776 and 1777 811-

To Ditto, the half of 31/6 for 3 Parish levies overcharged for 1777 and 1778, they being out of the Parish in 1777 1519

To Daniel Slater the half of 21/ for 2 Parish levies in the same manner 1016

To Thomas Potter the half of 21/ for 2 Ditto Ditto 1016

To John Gadberry the half 21/ for 2 Ditto Ditto 1016

Thus far was levied November the 8th. 1779 £3161711

1780 February the 3d. the Vestry met again at the lower Church

Present The Rev M'. Pryse Davies Rector, Me's's'. John Timberlake, and John Lewis, Church wardens, Capt. Richmond Allen, M'. George Bridges, Capt. William Allen, M'. Andrew Banks, M'. John Goddin, and M'. Edmund Hockaday, who was chosen a Vestryman the 8th. day of November 1779, in the room of Capt. Silvanus Prince, who refused to qualify as a Vestryman.

This Vestry proceeds to finish laying the Parish Levy which was begun the 8th. day of November last (as above) and to appoint Procisioners in the several districts in this Parish

The above £3161711 carried forward and charged.
1780 February 3rd Blisland Parish

To debt levied Nov. 8th, 1779 brought forward £ 316|| 7|| 11
To Mr. John Lewis, Churchwarden, the balance of his Acco'
Present Capt. James Hockaday.
To John Manning, for maintaining Thomas Merriman Orphan of James Merriman, dec'd, from the 8th of Nov. last till the 15th of January last
To Lucy Yates, for maintaining Francis Oakley, from February the 23rd last, and putting him to School 4 Months
To John Woodward, for maintaining Mary Austin from January the 10th. till this Inst. the 3rd of February 1780... 24 days
Present Capt. Edward Power.
To John Ames, for keeping Elizabeth Hall, till the 28th. of this Inst. (Feb') the bal'. of £100 (£70||13||8 being levied Nov. 8th. last)
To Dudley Williams, Clerk of the Vestry
To the Churchwardens, for contingent charges
C. By Dudley Williams, Collector, bal'. of his Acco'. due the Parish
D'. To 6 3/4 Cent. for collecting £891||3||5

Deposited in the Collector's hands, to be accounted for at laying the levy
C'. By 1086 Tithes at 18/

£ 977|| 8||
M'. John Timberlake, and M'. John Lewis, are continued Church wardens, the present year.

Ordered that the Church wardens settle with M'. William Norvell, for the maintenance of Philarity Jones, and her children.

M'. John Timberlake, Sheriff of New Kent County, is appointed Collector of the Parish levies this present year, on giving Bond and Security as usual.

Sign'd by P. Davies Rector.

John Timberlake
John Lewis

[145]

At a Vestry held for Blisland Parish, at the lower Church the 20th. day of December 1780.


This Vestry proceeds to lay the Parish Levy.

Blisland Parish

To William Fisher, for maintaining Thomas Linsey from March 1st. till this time, at £400 £ Annum

To William Ammons, for maintaining Elizabetth Hall, from Feb. 14th. 1780, till Feb. 14th. 1781

To Prudence Odell, for maintaining Mary Thomson a year, to Feb. 3d. 1781

To John Manning, for maintaining a Child of George Jennings dec'd. a year from Nov. 8th. 1779

£ 330||—||—

580||—||—

300||—||—

300||—||—
To Warwick Woodward, for maintaining a Child of James Meriman dec'd

To M'. John Lewis, Churchwarden, the bal' of his Acco'

To M'. William Norvel's Acco' for Corn, for Philarity Jones, and her three children, in 1778, levied in the Churchwarden's hands, till the said Wardens were satisfied whether the said Philarity Jones belonged to this Parish, which not being determin'd in 1778, the Collector did not pay, and credited the Parish for in his Acco'. £ 18. eight prices being allowed in consideration of depreciation of money in two years, and not being paid when required

To Cole Ashlock's Acco', for Corn for the said Philarity Jones, and her three Children, levied at the same time, under the same circumstances, which the Collector did not pay, and Credited the Parish for £ 25. allowed as above

To James Jones, for maintaining Richard Hall, a year to Feb' 14th. 1781

To William Jennings, for maintaining Ann, a Child of Susannah Curle

To M'. John Timberlake, Churchwarden, bal'. of his Acco'.

To Ditto his Acco'. for Mary Austin

To Joseph Hix, for maintaining Hardiman, a Child of Preston Hix dec'd

To John Allen, for rent of his land to Stephen Jones £ 100, last year £ 30
Capt. John Goddin, and Capt. Andrew Banks were chosen Churchwardens in the stead of Mejs". John Timberlake, and John Lewis.

This Vestry is adjourned till Wednesday the 3rd of January next. But, as the militia of James City, and New Kent Counties were called on duty at that time, it prevented the Vestry's meeting till January 30th. the proceedings of which, being annexed to this, to conclude laying the Parish Levy, is carried over

Debt levied Dec'. 20th. 1780 carried over to the other charges of January 30th. 1781 £ 3582|| 6|| 8

[146]

At a Vestry held for Blisland Parish, at Mr. Adam Birds, the 30th. day of January 1781.

Present Mejs". John Timberlake, and John Lewis, Churchwardens, James Hockaday, George Bridges, William Allen, Andrew Banks, and John Goddin, Gent.

This Vestry proceeds to finish laying the Parish levy, which begun the 20th. day of December 1780.

Blisland Parish To debt laid Dec'. 20th. 1780, and brought over £ 3582|| 6|| 8
To M'. John Timberlake, a further allowance for Mary Austin 150|| — || —
To Dudley Williams, Clark of the Vestry 500|| — || —
To the Churchwardens, for contingent charges 600|| — || —

4832|| 6|| 8

To 6 ½d. Cent. for collecting £4832||6||8 289||18|| 9½

£ 5122|| 5|| 5½
C'. By 1020 Tithes at £5

Due to the Collector

Davy, a Negroman, belonging to M'. John Timberlake, is exempted from paying his Parish levy, in consideration of his being unable to labour for many years past.

Dudley Williams, is appointed Collector of the Parish levies, on giving Bond and Security as usual.

Signed by

John Goddin
Andrew Banks

Churchwardens.

Test

Dudley Williams, Clark of the Vestry.

Davy a Negroman belonging to M'. John Timberlake is exempted from paying any taxes the present year

[147]

At a Vestry held for Blisland Parish, at M'. Adam Byrds thee 3d. day of November 1781.


This Vestry proceeds to lay the Parish Levy.

Blisland Parish

To M'. George Bridges, for maintaining Thomas Linsey, from March 1st. till this time at £8 3s Ann. 5 5 8
To Ditto for a Coat for Ditto —14—
To John Ames, for maintaining Elizabeth Hall from Feb'. 14th. till this time at £5 3s Ann 3 12 4
To Prudence Odell, for maintaining Mary Thomson, from Feb'r. 3d. till this time at £6 6s. 9d. Ann 4l. 9s. 9d.
To John Manning, for maintaining a Child of George Jennings decd. 4l. — s. —
To Randolph Woodward, for maintaining Thomas, an Orphan of James Merriman decd. from Jan'r. 1st @ £3 2l. 10s. 5½d.
To John Allen, for rent of his land, to Stephen Jones 5l. — s. —
To M'th. William Norvel, for 5 Bar's. and 4 Bush's. Corn, for Stephen Jones, and Philarity Jones @ 10s. 2l. 18s. —
To Joseph Hix, for clothing for Preston Hixes child — — 10s. —
To Julius Curle, for a Coffin, for Ann Manning — — 10s. —
To William Jennings, for maintaining two (Strange) Children from Sep'r. 1st. till this time at £4 10s. Ann. each 1l. 8s. —
To Sarah Bradley, for maintaining two (Ditto Ditto the same time, at the same rate 1l. 8s. —
To James Jones, for maintaining Richard Hall, a Child of Eliz's. Hall's from Feb. 14th. till this time @ £4 2l. 18s. —

Carried to the Parish charge laid by the Vestry the 15th. of Octo'r. 1782 £35l. 7s. 2½d.

1781 Nov. 3rd. Capt. John Goddin rendered an Acco't. to the Vestry, of what money he received that was levied in the Church warden's hands, for contingent charges, the 30th. day of January 1781

To wit
To paid Randolph Woodward £ 80l. — s. —
To paid Nance Hitchcock, to buy Corn, for Mournig Hawkins

- Mournig Hawkins

120 - 120

- £ 200 - £ 200

C'. By Cash rec’d. of Dudley Williams Collector

- Dudley Williams Collector

- £ 200 - £ 200

John Goddin, and Andrew Banks, Gent. are continued Church wardens, the ensuing year.

Order’d that the Church wardens, and Clark of the Vestry meet, as soon as the Lists of Tithes can be got, and proportion the Parish Levy: and that they proportion the said Parish Levy that hath been this day levied in Specie, in paper Currency, agreeable to the Value that the grand Jury at the succeeding general Court shall settle it at.

Dudley Williams is appointeed Collector of the Parish Levies the ensuing year, on giving Bond and Security as usual.

Sign’d by

- John Goddin
- Andrew Banks

Church wardens.

N. B. The above charge of £35||7||2½ was not proportion’d, because the List of Tithes was not taken, as the interruption of the English Army, in this part of the State prevented it. And the said charge of £35||7||2½ is carried over, and added to the charge levied by the Vestry the 15th. day of October 1782. and proportion’d with it.

Test

Dudley Williams, Clark of the Vestry.

[148]

At a Vestry held for Blisland Parish, at the lower Church the 15th. day of October 1782.

The Vestry proceeds to lay the Parish Levy.
Blisland Parish

Deb'.

To the amount of Acco'. levied Nov. 3rd. 1781 being never proportion'd, collected nor paid, brought over from the other side 35|| 7|| 2½

To M'. George Bridges, for maintaining Thomas Linsey from Nov. 3rd 1781 till Jan'. 1st. 1782 2||11|| 4

To William Fisher, for maintaining Thomas Linsey from January 1st. till this time at £12 ¶ Ann 9||10||—

To John Ames, for maintaining Eliz'. Hall, from Nov. 3rd. 1781, till Feb. 14th. 1782 4||—||—

To William Ammons, for maintaining Eliz'. Hall, from Feb. 14th. till this time at £15 ¶ Ann 10||—||—

To Prudence Odell, for maintaining Mary Thomson, part of the year 6||10||—

To John Manning, for maintaining a Child of George Jennings dec'd 4||—||—

To Randolph Woodward, for maintaining a Child of James Merriman dec'd 1||10||—

To M'. William Norvel's Acco'. of 88½ Bush'. Corn @ 2/6 for Jones, and Philarity Jones 11|| 1|| 3

To James Jones, for maintaining Richard, a Child of Eliz'. Hall, from Nov. 3rd. till this time 4||—||—

To William Jennings, for two Strange Children, from Nov. 3rd. 1781 till Feb. 22nd 1782 @ £14 ¶ Ann 4|| 5||11
To Sarah Bradley, for two Ditto... from Ditto, till... Ditto, at... Ditto 4|| 5||11
To John Allen, for Rent of his Land to Stephen Jones 5|| — || —
To Nance Hitchcock, for maintaining Mourning Hawkins 5|| — || —
To Isham Christian, for four Barrels of Corn, for Nathan Hixes Children 3|| — || —
To Jamees Pride, for one Ditto... for... Ditto —||15|| —
To Capt. Andrew Banks, for one Ditto... for... Ditto —||15|| —
To... Ditto,... for half a Barl. Corn, for Philarity Jones —|| 7|| 6
To the Churchwardens, for contingent charges 6|| — || —
To Dudley Williams, two years Salary as Clark of the Vestry 12||10|| —

C'. By Dudley Williams Collector, bal*. of his
Acco*. £727||14||6½ paper money, reduced to Specie according to the Scale of
Depreciation for May 1781 at 150 for 1 4||17|| —

130|| 9|| 1½

D'. To 6 2/9 Cent. for collecting £125||12||1½ 7||10|| 8½

133|| 2||10

C'. By 964 Tithes at 2/9 132||11|| —

Due to the Collector 11||10

Col. Edward Power, and M'. Edmund Hockaday, are chosen Church wardens, in the room of Andrew Banks, and John Goddin, Gent.
The Sheriffs of James City and New Kent Counties, are chosen Collectors of the Parish levies the ensuing year, on giving Bond and Security as usual.

Sign'd by

Edward Power
Edmund Hockaday

Church wardens

Test

Dudley Williams, Clark o' the Vestry

[149]

At a Vestry held for Blisland Parish at the House of M' Charles Harvey the 23d. day of February 1784.


This Vestry proceeds to lay the Parish Levy

Blisland Parish

Deb'.

To Moses Sweny, for maintaining Thomas Linsey, last year £ 8 || — || —

To William Fisher, for maintaining Thomas Linsey two Months and a half in 1782 2 || 10 || —

To William Ammons, for maintaining Eliz*. Hall, last year, and clothing her 15 || — || —

To Bennett Curle, for maintaining & clothing James Rawleigh, Orphan of Walter Rawleigh decd 6 || — || —

To Mary Hix, for maintaining George Hix, Orphan of Nathan Hix decd 6 || — || —

To Eliz*. Sanders, for her trouble with Sarah Glasebrook from Jan*. 8th. to Mar. 8th. and funeral charges 5 || — || —
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<td>To Nance Hitchcock, for maintaining Mourning Hawkins a year</td>
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<td>To David Williams, for maintaining four strange Children a Month in 1782</td>
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To 6 ⅔ Cent. for collecting £98||12||6 5||18||4

In the Collectors hands, to be accounted for in making up their Accoᵗʰ. with the Vestry 1||—||10

£ 104||10||10

£ 105||11||8

Credᵗ. By 905 Tithes at 2/4 £ 105||11||8

Col. Richmond Allen Sheriff, and Collector, render'd an Accoᵗʰ. of his part of the Parish Collection, by which there is £7||13||6 due to the Parish, which he is to pay to the Church Wardens.

The Parish Levy as above being 2/4 Cash, which every person is to pay for each Tithe in this Parish or 12ᵗʰ Tobᵗ. at the Option of the payer.

John Yates is exempted from paying his Parish Levy in future, on account of his age and inability.

Mᵗ. David Lewis, and Mᵗ. John James, are chosen Vestrymen in the room of Mᵗ. George Bridges, who has resign'd, and Mᵗ. John Lewis, who is removed out of the Parish.

N. B. The remaining part of this days proceedings is carried over.

[150] 1784 February 23ᵗʰ.

This days proceedings continued from the other side.

Col. Edward Power, and Mᵗ. Edmund Hockaday, are continued Church Wardens this present year.

Col. Richmond Allen, Sheriff of New Kent County, and Capt. William Allen D. Sheriff of James City County are
appointed Collectors of the Parish Levies this present year, on giving Bond and security as usual.

Sign’d by

Edward Power
Edmund Hockaday

Church Wardens.

Test

Dudley Williams Cl’k o’ the Vestry

*O! Lord most holy and merciful God, look down with a compassionate eye upon the feeble tenements of mortality: thou knowest the fraileties of human nature

[151]

At a Vestry held for Blisland Parish at the upper Church the 30th. day of October 1784.


This Vestry proceeds to lay the Parish Levy.

Blisland Parish Deb’.

To Martha Breeding, for the maint*. of Thomas Linsey from the last of Feb’. till this time £8 5\[11\]1 Ann 5|| 6|| 8

To John Ames, for the maint*. of Eliz*. Hall, from the last of Feb’. till this time at £15 10||—||— Ann

To Mary Banks, for the maint*. of George Hix, Orphan of Nathan Hix dec*. from the last of Feb’. till this time at £4 2||13|| 4 Ann

To James Jones, for the maint*. of Richard Hall, from the last of Feb’. till this time at £5 3|| 6|| 8 Ann

*Note! The following three lines are in a different hand.—C. G. C.
To Mary Hix, for the maint. of Sarah Hix, Orphan of Nathan Hix dec'd 8||—||—
To Capt. Andrew Banks, for the rent of his plantation to Isaac Green 2||—||—
To John Shay, for the maint. of John Walker, Orphan of Charles Walker about 4 Months 1||10||—
Present Col. Edward Power, Church Warden.
To M'. Edmund Hockaday, Church Warden, the Balance of his Acco' —||18|| 3
To William Piggott, for a Coffin for Isaac Green 1||—||—
To William Norvel, his Acco'. for Corn, for sundry Persons 7|| 3|| 6
To James Norvel Walker, for 2½ Bushels of Corn, for Mary Perkins —||12|| 6
To James Jennings, for the maint. of Catharine Harvey, from the 23d. of April till this time, at 20/ a Month (deducting 1 Months pay) 5||—||—
To Rebecca Slater, for the hire of her Negro-woman to Isaac Green 4||—||—
To Daniel Jones, for 2½ Bushels of Corn, for Philarity Jones —||12|| 6
To Ditto, for 1 Bushel d'. for Mary Perkins —|| 5||—
To John Allen, for rent of his Land to Stephen Jones 5||—||—
To Obadiah Wilks's Estate, for 2 Levies, by Tithes wrong listed last year @ 2/4 —|| 4|| 8
To Nance Hitchcock, for maint'. of Mourning Hawkins, from the last of Feb'. till this time at £6 £ Ann. 4||—||—
To John Manning, for maint'. of Priscilla, Orphan of George Jennings from the last of Feb'. till this time, at £4 £ Ann 2||13|| 4
To Col. Edward Power, Collector for 1781, and 1782, the balance of his Acco'. —||13||—
To Col. William Clayton, Cl. of New Kent Court, for a Copy of the List of Tithes 20th Tob —|| 2|| 6
To Benjamin C. Waller, Cl. of James City Court, for a D°. 20th. Tob°. @ 1£4 —|| 2|| 6
To Dudley Williams, Cl. of the Vestry 5||—||—
To be paid, by the Collectors, to the Church Wardens, for the use of the Parish 10||18|| 3

81|| 2|| 8
4||17|| 4£4

86||—||—£4

Cred'. By 860 Tithes at 2/

William Tinny, and James Ingram, are exempted from paying their Parish Levies, on account of their infirmity[ ]
David Lewis, and John James Gent. are chosen Church Wardens for the ensuing year, in the room of Edward Power, and Edmund Hockaday Gent.
The conclusion of this day's proceedings is on the other side of this leaf.

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1784 October 30th.
The Sheriffs of James City, and New Kent Counties are appointed Collectors of the Parish Levies the ensuing year, on giving Bond and Security as usual.

Sign'd by
David Lewis Jn°. James Church Wardens.

Test
Dudley Williams, Clark of the Vestry
At a meeting of the former Vestry of Blijland Parrish at the upper Church Novm. 8, 1785


This vestry proceeds To Choose a Clark, Jo°. Boswell

Chose, C, of Vestry

This vestry proceeds to Lay the Arearages due from ye s°. Vestry agreeable to an act of asembly paid Oct°.

18 1784

Blisland Parish

D° £ S D

To Martha Breeding for the ballc°. of her acc°. for maintain°. Tho°. Linsey from Oc°. till Feb°. 1785 2||13|| 4

To Mary Banks for ballc°. due her for main-tain°. Ge°. Hicks Orphan of Nathan Hicks from Oct°. Till the Last of Feb°. 1785 = £1||6°/8° 3||6|| 8

To James Jennings for maint°

Cathr°. Harvey 2 m°. £2

To Nance Hitchcock for Coffin for mourning Hawkings 15°/ To Jo°. manning for maintaining Priscilla Orphan of Geo. Ginnings from October till the Last of Feb°. 1785 £1||6°||8° 2||1|| 8

To John Walker for y°. Rent of his place for Stephen Jones in the year 1785 5||—||—

To Jo°. Hankin for the rent of his place for Phillarity Jones £3||10°. To M°. Otey for for D°. to: Mary Pirkins £3 To John Shea for maintain°. John Walker 10||10||—

To William Norvel for Corn &C To Jones & Perkins 3||—||—
To Ja*. Odel for maintaing Betty Hall one year £10
To Edw* Farthing For maintaing*. Orphan of Nathan Hicks One year £6
To George Ballof Coffin For Suckey Curle £1
To John Bojwell as Clk of Vestry £1

18||—||—

To Coll*. Will Clayton for List Tyths 2*/6^[4]
To Balle*. in Collectors hands 9||1½^[4]

—||11|| 7½

£ 45|| 3|| 3½
9|| 8|| 2½

35||15|| 0¾

To 6¾*. C*. for Collecting £35||15*||0¾^[4]
02|| 2||11

£ 37||17||11¾

C* 1785
By the Balle* of James City Collectors acc* in £ S d
the hands of John James 1|| 2|| 4¾
By D*. in the hands of David Lewis 3||19|| 1½
By D*. in the hands of Newkent Collectors 4|| 6|| 9

£ S d £ 9|| 8|| 2½

By 933 Tythes at 9¾* ¾* 37||17||3

The Sheriffs of N. Kent and James City County's are appointed Collectors of the Parrish Levy for the Enfuing year

David Lewis  \( \text{C W} \) \( \text{Jn*}. \) James

Test \( \text{Jn*}. \) Bojwell C. O. V.
Pursuant to an Act of Assembly past at the City of Richmond the 17th of Nov. 1784 the Inhabitants of Blisland Parrish meet at M'. Adams Byrds on Easter Munday being the 28th day of March 1785 and Elected the following Gent, To wit. as Vestrymen, Col. Burwell Bajsett The H'ble B Dandridge Cap'. James Hockaday Col. Richmond Allen M'. Edmund Hockaday Col. Edward Power Cap'. John Hockaday M'. David Lewis M'. John James Cap'. John Goddin Cap'. Andrew Banks and Cap'. William Allen, we the Subscribers do agree to be conformable to the doctrine disciplin and worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church Incoperated by a law Specify'd as above

Burwell Bajsett
James Hockaday
Richmond Allen
Edmund Hockaday
Edward Power,
John Hockaday. David Lewis
John James

At a Vestry held for Blisland Parrish at the upper Church the 7th day of May 1785.


This Vestry Proceeds to Chose a Clark

Geo. Dillard is appointed Clark of the Vestry

M'. David Lewis and M'. John James Gent. is appointed Church wardens for the Ensuing year.

Col. Burwell Bajsett is appointed to represent the Parrish of Blisland in Convention with The Rev'd. M'. Pryse Davies to be held at Richmond the 18th day of this Instant
M’. William Armistead Sen’. is Chosen a Vestryman in the roome of The Hble B. Dandridge dec’d
Sighn’d by
Pryse Davies Rector
David Lewis } Church Wardens
John James

Test
Geo. Dillard Clark of the Vestry

[154]
At a vestry held for the Parrish of Blijsdale at the Upper church October 11th, 1786

This Vestry proceeds to the chosing of a Clark, John Bojswell chosen clark of The Vestry & Clark of the upper church; John Yates Chosen Sexton of upper Church
M’. David Lewis & M’. Stanup Richardson are appointed Collectors of the Subscription for 1785
M’. Burwell Bajsett Jun’. and M’. Stanup Richardson are appointed Church wardens in the room of M’. David Lewis and M’. John James

Sign’d by
Pryes Davies Minister
Burwell Bajsett
Stanup Richardson

Test
John Bojswell, C|| O|| Vestry

*John Taylor January
*John Augustine Taylor 1816

*William D Abbott, this day put his name upon this B[ ]

*These entries following the official record were inserted later.—C. G. C.
APPENDIX

CLERGYMEN

The following list contains the names of the ministers (incumbents of the parish and temporary supply preachers) who served Blisland Parish between 1721 and 1786. The numerals (in parentheses) preceding each clergyman’s name indicate the number of the page in this volume on which the name first appears; the date (in parentheses) following the name indicates the year in which the clergyman is first mentioned in the Vestry Book.

(1) Taylor, Daniel (1721)
(39) Mossom, ———— (1729)
(39) Leneve, ———— (1729)
(40) Thacker, Chicheley (1730)
(159) Davies, Price (1763)

Notes

Mossom, ————. The Rev. Mr. Mossom referred to on page 39 was, doubtless, the Rev. David Mossom, minister of St. Peter’s Parish, New Kent County, from 1727 until his death, in 1767.

Leneve, ————. The Rev. Mr. Leneve referred to on page 39 was, doubtless, the Rev. Wm. Le Neve (entered Cambridge University in 1707; ordained in 1722), who was minister of James City Parish, James City County, from 1722 to 1737. In 1723 and again in 1726 he served as chaplain of the General Assembly of the Colony.

Mr. Mossom and Mr. Le Neve were engaged as temporary supply preachers for the two churches in Blisland Parish. As,
however, there is no record in the Vestry Book of any payment having been made them for services that they had rendered, it is entirely possible that the agreements made with them by the vestry of Blisland Parish never went into effect.

CLERKS OF THE VESTRY

The following list contains the names of the clerks of the vestry of Blisland Parish between 1721 and 1786. The numerals (in parentheses) preceding each clerk’s name indicate the number of the page in this volume on which the name first appears as that of the clerk; the date (in parentheses) following the name indicates the year in which the clerk began to officiate as such.

(2) Holdcraft (Holdcroft), Henry (1721)
(34) Cooke, Francis (1728)
(82) Williams, Dudley (1742)
(229) Boswell (Boswell), John (1785)
(231) Dillard, Geo. (1785)
(232) Boswell, John (1786)

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The following list contains the names of the physicians and surgeons mentioned in this volume.

(8) Burbidge, Robt. (1723)
(13) Livingstone, Wm. (1724)
(19) Brody, Jno. (1725)
(21) Scott, Jno. (1725)
(35) Jones, Philip (1728)
(83) Arnott, Thos. (1742)
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Mackenzie, Ken. In the years 1741 to 1749 a Dr. Alexander Mackenzie was practicing medicine in the neighboring parish of Petsworth, Gloucester County. (See Vestry Book of Petworth Parish, Gloucester County, Virginia, 1677-1793, pages 262 to 279) Query: Were Dr. Ken. Mackenzie and Dr. Alexander Mackenzie brothers?

Carter, ———. In the year 1773 a Dr. William Carter was practicing medicine in the neighboring parish of Petsworth, Gloucester County (See Vestry Book of Petworth Parish, Gloucester County, Virginia, 1677-1793, p. 349)

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The following list contains the names of the ordinaries (inns or taverns) mentioned in this volume.

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Note

Chiswel's Ordinary was located about half-way between Williamsburg and the Pamunkey River on the main road running up the Peninsula. See Frontispiece Map.
ERRATA

Page 2, line 21, "Rich*: Halfield" should probably be "Rich*: Hatfield."

Page 42, line 22, "M' Tha Williams" should be "M' Tho. Williams."

Page 69, line 7, "M* John Dandridg" should be "M* John Dandridg."

Page 123, line 28, "Dudleyy Williams" should be "Dudley Williams."

Page 142, line 2, "Lest of Tithes" should be "List of Tithes."

Page 142, lines 22-23, "supper Church" should be "upper Church."

Page 152, line 33, asterisk should be after "Tharp."

Page 153, line 6, "To Mary Jones towards his maint" should be "To Mary Jones towards her maint."

Page 218, lines 14-15, To the entry, "Davy a Negroman belonging to M* John Timberlake is exempted from paying any taxes the present year," there should have been added the note: "This entry appears to be in a different handwriting from that of the rest of the page."
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